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WE SHALL SEE THE FOUR HORSEMEN *(Revelations, Chap VI)*

Gordon Creighton

In recent years, when speaking to school sixth forms about UFOs and about current events, I have told them: "YOU WILL SEE THE FOUR HORSEMEN". A century ago, no schoolchild in Britain would have failed to understand my meaning. But it is not surprising that scarcely a sixth-former, boy or girl, among the many I have addressed, seemed to have the slightest perception of what I was talking about.

That is symptomatic of Britain today.

Among mankind in general, however, quite a sizeable minority do perceive whither we are heading. But the general mass neither knows nor desires to know about these matters, and my personal opinion is that if they prefer it that way it is far kinder to leave them "unenlightened".

(*"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise . . ."*)

In my own case it so happens that I have lived for the past forty years with a detailed knowledge of the impending pattern of events. This came about through my having almost lost my life from a "killer-disease", *Asian typhus,* contracted on a rat-infested ship crossing the Pacific in 1942. Far away to the West of us, in the mighty Battle of Midway, the American Navy, in the space of a few hours, was deciding the entire course and outcome of World War II by sinking no less than *four* of Japan's aircraft-carriers *(one-half of her entire fleet of eight carriers).*

By a stroke of great good luck — or maybe *karma* — I then ended up in a hospital in the USA where, by their marvellous care and nursing, they pulled me through.

Shortly after that I had another great stroke of fortune — or *karma?* — by being brought into contact with the famous "SLEEPING PROPHET", the American seer and healer Edgar Cayce. And in fact so far as I can ascertain I am the only *British* person among the 12,000 or 14,000 or so who received Health Readings and Past Life Readings from him, and who are now on permanent record in the celebrated Archives of the A.R.E. Edgar Cayce Foundation at Virginia Beach.

Doubtless all these impending changes and unheavals on our Planet, of which Edgar Cayce spoke in very great detail during the 1920s and 1930s, depend largely upon the conditions of our Sun, which for us is the Great Arbiter of all Things. Whereas hitherto most of us have felt confident of the stability of our Solar Orb for a vast period to come, very recent studies by American astronomers (Robert Jastrow and others) have shown that at least 78 neighbouring stars, identical with our Sun in age, mass and size, do regularly change their brightness by a fraction of 1%. That might not seem to be very much, but it is considered to have caused our last "Little Ice-Age", so-called, which ran from the 16th to the 19th century and gave us quite a cold spell. So, while so many scientists are today warning us of the dangers of an imminent planetary "warm-up", there are also other scientists who take the opposite view.

But, whether or not we get warmer or colder soon, there are unquestionably signs that our Sun may be growing *more lethal.* In Australia, during World War II, that country's top expert on skin cancer told me that Australia already had the highest incidence to be found anywhere. And just recently one of his Australian successors, Professor McCarthy, has declared that the situation has now got so much worse there that, *"unless Science can slow down the rate of the ozone-layer depletion, lethal doses of ultraviolet light will be striking the Earth, so that the sun-screens of the 21st century will have to be space-suits".*

Then finally, linked to all this, we have the gigantic key-problem — FOOD. Just as we have recently fought a war for *oil,* there will inevitably soon be further terrible wars for FOOD, as the world population rises remorselessly. (A brilliant Englishman, Thomas Malthus of Guildford, wrote and warned about it nearly 200 years ago [1803] and he was laughed at for it and promptly forgotten.)

For, while the human, near-human, and sub-human populations rocket, our crop yields have already begun to decline, and more and more of the Earth is threatened by drought, erosion, etc., etc.

The top demographical expert in the world today is Dr Paul Ehrlich of California, a scientist who has given us two hair-raising books.* He points out that our population has soared from 3.5 billions to 5.4 billions in only 23 years (1967 to 1990). In 1990 — with every passing hour — there were 11,000 more mouths, and 95 million more in that one year. And of course even more in 1991 . . . *He warns that, even if, by a miracle, every government on Earth were, tomorrow morning, to succeed in enforcing a policy of 'zero growth', it would still mean that the population will be TEN BILLIONS. DOUBLE WHAT IT IS NOW. (AND THAT WILL BE BEFORE THE YEAR 2020.)* A British politician recommends that we send them mountains of condoms. Excellent advice indeed. But it won't stop what is coming!

Paul Ehrlich tells us bluntly that the number who are going to die merely from famine between now and the year 2010 is NOT LESS THAN ONE BILLION. Since mankind seems totally incapable of achieving copulation without population, the outlook is definitely far from rosy.

So — map-makers, rejoice! We are going to have new maps. Lots of them. And at the same time we are going to have a drastically reduced population. Poor old Planet Gaia is going to shake herself free of a lot of the "human lice" that afflict her!

I recall that, some years ago, when we were listening to a talk by the Indonesian seer and teacher, Pak Subuh, someone asked him what we ought to do about this question of the growing population. Pak Subuh's reply was that it was not *our* problem, and that there was no point in worrying about it, because there was absolutely *nothing* that we could do. But, he said "TUHAN (THE INDONESIAN FOR 'GOD' OR 'ALLAH') WOULD SEE TO IT."

And you can bet your boots that HE *will!*

Precisely one hundred years ago, when no scientists accepted the idea that the Earth's Poles could ever shift, Helena Petrovna Blavatskaya, another remarkable seer, was affirming that in fact they had been more or less all over the place

at different times in the history of our planet. Today we know that this is true, and we know for example that the Ice-Cap of Antarctica, which holds more than 90% of the world's ice, has only been there about 12,000 years or so, and may not be there much longer. So it is no wonder that huge deposits of coal, and skeletons of mighty extinct animals, have been discovered on the Antarctic Continent.

While it looks as though these periodic changes on our Earth are natural features in its evolution, there is also an ancient tradition, long known to students of the Arcana, that an intimate link exists between the "inner state" of Man and the "inner state" of the Planet, *and that the presence of humans of a higher spiritual order can do much to mitigate the severity and drastic nature of the changes.* Edgar Cayce himself also stated this most specifically:–

When asked , (Reading 3976-26), "What can we do to counteract such serious global catastrophes?, his reply was as follows:–

"MAKE KNOWN THE TROUBLE... WHERE IT LIES, AND THAT THOSE WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN GOD MUST RIGHT-ABOUT-FACE!... TENDENCIES IN THE HEARTS AND SOULS OF MEN ARE SUCH THAT THESE UPHEAVALS MAY BE BROUGHT ABOUT. FOR, AS OFTEN INDICATED THROUGH THESE CHANNELS, MAN IS NOT RULED BY THE WORLD, BY THE EARTH, BY THE ENVIRONMENT ABOUT IT, NOR BY THE PLANETARY INFLUENCES WITH THEIR ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES. RATHER IT IS TRUE THAT MAN BRINGS ORDER OUT OF CHAOS BY HIS OWN COMPLIANCE WITH DIVINE LAW. OR, BY HIS DISREGARD OF THE LAWS OF DIVINE INFLUENCE, MAN BRINGS CHAOS AND DESTRUCTIVE FORCES INTO HIS EXPERIENCE."

And on the same theme, on an earlier occasion (Reading 311-10), Edgar Cayce had also said:–

..."THERE ARE THOSE CONDITIONS THAT, IN THE ACTIVITY OF INDIVIDUALS, IN LINE OF THOUGHT AND ENDEAVOUR, OFT KEEP MANY A CITY AND MANY A LAND INTACT, THROUGH THEIR APPLICATION OF THE SPIRITUAL LAWS IN THEIR ASSOCIATIONS WITH INDIVIDUALS".

(Most of California is scheduled to go. But it is perhaps worth bearing in mind that Cayce said that *"New York will go next".)*

* *Dr Paul R. Ehrlich: The Population Bomb.* (1968) U.S. and British editions. (U.K. edition by Pan Books and Friends of the Earth.)

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MYSTERIOUS DEATHS OF BRITISH SCIENTISTS AND INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL

Gordon Creighton

There may have been earlier rumblings and references in the British press which I did not spot. I first became aware that "something odd" was happening when I read, in 1985 (*Sunday Express,* London, 12 May, 1985) the headline "RIDDLE OF FIVE DEATHS AT SPY HQ". This story, which was the main page 1 news, reported that the Foreign Office had re-opened its files on the strange deaths of five men, four of them Signals Intelligence experts, all of whom had been working at the Government Communications Headquarters *(GCHQ),* Britain's "top-secret electronics spy-centre" at Cheltenham, in the western part of England. According to the newspaper, Senior British experts in Counter-Intelligence denied that any of the five dead men had been the victim of any "stringent security sweeps". But they now admitted that the five cases were once more "under review".

The Five GCHQ Cases

1. STEPHEN DONALD DRINKWATER, aged 25, a clerk employed in the only department permitted to make copies of highly classified documents, was found dead in his parents' house at Cheltenham, on September 11, 1983. A plastic bag was over his head and he had died from asphyxiation. At the inquest there was some talk of *"glue-sniffing",* or of "a sexual experiment that went wrong".
   Coroner's Verdict: MISADVENTURE.

(This first case had occurred five months after the British Appeal Court had dismissed a plea by another GCHQ Intelligence specialist, the Russian language expert Geoffrey Prime, against a 38-year jail sentence for espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union.)

2. JACK WOLFENDEN, another GCHQ man, died when his glider plunged into the Cotswold Hills in July 1982, a few weeks after Geoffrey Prime was sentenced.
   Coroner's Verdict: ACCIDENTAL DEATH.
3. ERNEST BROCKWAY, a GCHQ man, found hanged at his home in Cheltenham in November 1982, the same month in which Prime was sentenced. Officialdom insisted that "security pressures" had not played any part in this death.
   Coroner's Verdict: SUICIDE.
4. GEORGE FRANKS a GCHQ man, who "died of a heart attack" in his flat in Brighton, Sussex, on April 3, 1984.
   Coroner's Verdict: NATURAL CAUSES.
5. STEPHEN OKE, aged 35. This man, described by the newspaper as "a highly-skilled radio officer with hourly access to top-secret information", was employed at a secret GCHQ "out-station" at Morganstow, near Bude, in Cornwall. On Easter Monday, April 8, 1985, he was found hanged in his home in West Fairhome Road, Bude. There was no suicide note. The case was described by the Devon & Cornwall Police, on May 12, 1985, as *"a strange business".*
   Coroner's Verdict: OPEN.

Comment in Press and Technical Journals

The *Sunday Express* article of May 12, 1985, concluded by saying that the Junior Foreign Office Minister Tim Renton had told the House of Commons, in a written answer, that the Foreign Office "was aware of inquests having been held in five cases of death involving a GCHQ employee", and that "the official

Foreign Office view is that there was no connection between the five deaths".

In the meantime we had already published an article in FSR 33/1 (March 1988) about the strange death of one British scientist, David Sands, who had been working for the giant firm of MARCONI on secret defence projects, and who on March 30 of the year before had taken his own life in a most peculiar manner. And it was from this case onwards (it is listed later on in the present Report as No. 14) that we began to notice all the talk about *the mystery death of not merely one but of many British scientists.* (We have however, heard no more about the mystery deaths of Intelligence workers at GCHQ, nor have we seen any explanations for them.)

The most important mentions of all that we found were in the issues of the leading technical publication *Computer News* for March 5, 1987 and April 14, 1988, in which the journal gave the results of a highly interesting survey which they had been carrying out. They reported that there had been — so far — a total of NINETEEN CASES (including one disappearance). All were cases involving British scientists. *And all were still unexplained. Computer News* discussed seventeen of them in detail:–

"A year ago, our story on the mysterious deaths of two computer programmers (*Computer News,* March 5, 1987) who were working on classified defence projects, provoked hundreds of pages of speculation around the world. The latest in the series of similar events is the death of Marconi scientist TREVOR KNIGHT. (See Case No. 22 in List below.)

"Several of the strangest cases involve scientists working on sensitive defence projects, particularly *in fields relating to signal-processing which is critical for detecting, identifying, and tracking targets. Some of the scientists' own families have had difficulties in obtaining details from the British authorities which could throw light on the deaths, and they have expressed concern and — in some cases — outright anger, over what they say is official disinformation.* (Italics by ED, FSR.)

"There has been much speculation that *stress* is driving scientists to suicide — and this theory cannot be totally ruled out. (But, according to a Government study of occupational mortality, electronics engineers and scientists are *less* likely to die prematurely than many other groups of workers!)

"What is more, the stress hypothesis does not explain why so many of these scientists have died in unexplained, sometimes bizarre, circumstances. Other factors also raise question marks: the contradictory statements made by officials; *the absence of any suicide notes in nearly all cases;* (italics by ED, FSR) and firm evidence that some of the scientists were *not* suffering from stress."

Talk of "Star War" Programme

The next press references that we saw were on March 28, 1988, when, under such headlines as "M.P. CALLS FOR INQUIRY INTO 'SINISTER' STAR WARS DEATHS", three leading London newspapers, *The Times,* the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Daily Express,* all reported that the utmost alarm had been expressed by the Labour Member of Parliament Douglas Hoyle, (himself the President of the Manufacturing, Science, & Finance Union) who had called for an investigation of all the deaths. In an appeal in the House of Commons to Mr George Younger, Britain's Defence Minister, Mr Hoyle demanded an immediate Governmental inquiry.

"What" — he asked — *"is the link between all these cases? Is it not worrying that this is happening to top scientists? Is it simply overwork — or is there something more sinister afoot? It is very alarming!"* (italics by ED, FSR.)

(In these press reports, and in an account on the previous day in the London Sunday newspaper *News of the World,* we see that the total number of these mystery deaths of scientists (not including the five Intelligence Services men at GCHQ) was now being given as *eight.* But the real tally was already *eighteen,* at the very least! With GCHQ men then, this made a total of *twenty-three.* Incidentally, not a single press report now seemed to be mentioning the GCHQ end of the picture any longer. *Had official instructions gone forth* to *"forget about that"?*

But, as we see, the British press had now begun to speak a great deal about the "STAR WARS" angle. At least nine or ten of the dead scientists had been involved in the important contributions by MARCONI and other big British firms to the U.S. "STAR WARS" programme. The News of the World report of March 27, 1988, said that the work-force at MARCONI (Stanmore), where the "STAR WARS" projects were in hand, were now talking of *"a baffling curse hanging over the secret weapons project".* And they were saying that this "curse" had only started after the "STAR WARS" work had got under way there. The same newspaper quoted MARCONI's spokesman, Mr Ray Bryant, as having said: *"We are not permitted to talk about the matter".*

Enquiry already called for in 1987

According to the *Daily Express* (March 28, 1988) another British Member of Parliament, Mr John Cartwright, had actually already called for a thorough investigation in 1987, but his request had been ignored and rejected. And the *Daily Telegraph* (same date) said: "A year ago, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, ordered the various Police authorities to liaise over the deaths. *But no inquiry had ever been launched.* (Italics by ED, FSR.)

TUC Call for Enquiry

We saw nothing more on these matters in the British press until September 4, 1988, when the *Sunday Telegraph* reported that Mr Clive Jenkins, the President of the British TUC (TRADE UNIONS COUNCIL) had *"launched a top-level inquiry into all suicides, suspicious deaths and possible murders of scientists working on the frontiers of high-technology defence research".* (Italics by ED, FSR.)

The paper's account runs (in part) as follows:–

The inquiry follows what Mr Jenkins, joint general-secretary of the high-tech. union MSF, last night called the *'statistically incredible', apparently accidental, deaths of eight research scientists working for Marconi.*

Mr Jenkins said there was great concern among his members over 'these clusters of suicides, violent deaths, or murders' of Marconi employees.

The statistical incongruity came to light after the MSF's national officer, Mr Larry Brooke, carried out a survey into stress among union members working for Marconi, Ferranti, Phillips, Plessey, Racal, and Thorn EMI, all of which firms carry on leading research in electronics high technology.

The union was so concerned by the Marconi deaths and by the high levels of stress uncovered in the survey, that it has now written to the other main electronics companies asking for details of all suicides or mysterious deaths of employees in the past three years.

The union's letter states: 'As you are aware, the media have over the past few months picked up on the stories of mysterious deaths of Marconi scientists. Not surprisingly, this has created concern amongst our members throughout the electronics industry.

'Last night, on the eve of the TUC Conference in Bournemouth, Mr Jenkins expressed his grave concern at the near statistical impossibility of all the deaths being suicide.'

He said: 'We have decided to write to the other major firms in advanced electronics asking for comparable details.

'The question is — could there be a link between these deaths? I ask myself: is there a great cover-up going on? If so — *what? By whom?*

'Is it 'ours' or is it 'theirs' — whoever *'they'* may be?' There is so much advanced information involved in this kind of work that it leads to all sorts of speculation. Could they have been cracking under stress? This is a sinister situation. (End of *Sunday Telegraph* report.)

Incidentally, this *Sunday Telegraph* story about Mr Clive Jenkins and his concern *talks of a total of eight deaths* — all of Marconi men. It makes no mention of the fact that, as *Computer News* had already reported four months earlier, the total of mystery deaths of scientists was already running at a minimum of *nineteen* (not to mention the five at GCHQ). The latest — and eighth — death, said the *Sunday Telegraph,* was that of a retired Army General, John Ferry, aged 60, who had become a Marconi employee and who had been found electrocuted in his company flat. He had mains electric wires in his mouth.

In conclusion, the *Sunday Telegraph* also mentioned another matter. It seems that Marconi's parent-company, GEC, Britain's biggest defence contractor in electronics, had been the subject of a detailed inquiry, by senior Ministry of Defence officials and by detectives of the Serious Fraud Office, for more than two years past. The inquiry had begun after claims of fraud were made in connection with £3.5 billion worth of contracts placed with GEC Marconi. The inquiry, said the paper, had now spread to all eleven Marconi companies in Britain, and involved a total of 57 contracts and included claims that the Ministry of Defence and Royal Navy were being overcharged for signals equipment.

Signs of Disquiet in USA

But a month later (*The Sunday Times,* 9 October, 1988) both the mystery and the alarm had mushroomed greatly, with these headlines:– "PENTAGON QUIZZES BRITAIN ON 22 DEATHS": "MYSTERY OF THE DEAD DEFENCE WORKERS WIDENS AS MORE CASES COME TO LIGHT, AND GEC LAUNCHES A NEW INVESTIGATION". There followed ten photographs of dead scientists, labelled in sequence: "Suffocated"; "Electrocuted"; "Suffocated"; "Drugs Overdose"; "Disappeared"; "Electrocuted"; "Car Crash"; "Death Leap"; "Strangled"; "Shotgun Blast".

Pentagon Call for Enquiry

The Sunday Times report of October 9, 1985 is so important that we give part of its text verbatim:

"PENTAGON officials in Washington will this week seek an explanation from the British government for the deaths of 22 British defence workers, some of whom were involved in top-secret projects.

Although the Ministry of Defence in London yesterday said it 'was not aware of any contact made by the United States' over the matter, American officials last week told *The Sunday Times* that the Pentagon's specialists want to examine the case histories of 22 Britons who have died in the past six years.

They want the Ministry of Defence in London to look into suggestions that some of those who died were working on the American *Star Wars* project and other secret defence contracts.

Officially, according to a defence spokesman in Washington, the Pentagon 'is not commenting on the deaths'. In the past, the American Defence Department has taken a relaxed view of the matter, but now, according to the spokesman, *'It has got to the point where we can't ignore it any more'.* (Italics by ED, FSR).

The deaths have recently been taken up seriously by the American media; a major television network is preparing a programme on the subject for screening this week. The American enquiries come immediately after the decision by GEC, whose Marconi subsidiary employed some of the defence workers, to launch its own internal inquiry into the deaths at the personal instigation of Lord Weinstock, its managing director.

'We are satisfied that there was no connection between any of the deaths', said a GEC director yesterday. 'The criticism that has been levelled is that we have not taken the situation seriously enough, so we have decided that we should go to someone outside to look again'.

British Officials State All Deaths are Normal

The Ministry of Defence firmly rules out any mystery, pointing out that the incidence of suicides among defence workers is actually lower than in the population as a whole. 'Like the police, our position has been that there is no evidence of any sinister links between these deaths. *But if the Americans ask for explanations, that puts the matter on a different plane'.* (Italics by ED, FSR).

The Ministry, the British Police, and the employers of the men who died still insist that the deaths are a coincidence.

Said one senior M.o.D. source, 'Most of the people on the list have never touched anything classified in their lives. As far as I am aware there is no connection whatsoever with *"Star Wars".*

But last week an American source insisted that some of those who died — he would not say who or how many — *were* involved in work for *"Star Wars".* Although the M.o.D. points out that at the very most this may have involved low-level computer simulation done at universities (and even that is unlikely) the American source insisted: *'It's irrefutable that they are working on projects that are applicable to "Star Wars"'* (Italics by ED, FSR.)

He added that if this had happened in Greece, Brazil, Spain, or Argentina, 'and we were buying something from them, we'd be all over them like a glove'.

A week ago *The Sunday Times* published the details of 12 mysterious deaths in the past six years, including two previously unreported. But last waek American Embassy sources in London said they were aware of 22, and probably even more, and the names were being sent to Washington.

The American Embassy has been monitoring reports of what have become known as "the mysterious deaths" for the past two years. Most names

have been culled from inquests. (I had missed *The Sunday Times* piece that now carried the total to twelve. ED, FSR.)

French Comment

By December 1988 the matter was being discussed in France. The publication *Lectures Françaises* No. 380 (December 1988) carried an article by Claude Vignon. He emphasised that the total of suspicious deaths of British scientists was now *23,* with three of them being at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham.

A much longer discussion of the problem came in the Paris weekly *Rivarol* of December 6, 1988. It is interesting, so I have translated it in full:–

TWENTY-THREE LITTLE — * — IN THE WOODPILE
by Louis Seifert

"It may well be thought to sound like an Agatha Christie novel spiced up with a bit of sauce from Ian Fleming or John Le Carré. The fact remains however, that for the past six years Albion has found herself faced with a mystery (and a many-sided one) that goes on getting steadily denser and denser, so that beside it the native British fog evaporates away forthwith.

On April 8 last we have already given a report on this disturbing business *("La Nouvelle Marque Jaune")* written by P.P. Bélesta. At that date, *about ten* British scientists had vanished from the scene in strange circumstances.

But today the number is more than twenty-three, although it is difficult to estimate the exact total. (The British press seem to stop counting when they get to twelve . . .). This is because each case is camouflaged as a "natural death" (And, while it is indeed possible that some have been included who ought not to have been, it is also possible that other cases have still not been included that ought to be.)

One thing nevertheless seems pretty well certain — namely that the firm of MARCONI find themselves right at the heart of the affair.

The latest of the "suicides", Mr Robert McGowan, aged 22, who left no letter of explanation, and who had no known reason for ending his life, was a research worker at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham, in Berkshire. That brings the total of mysterious deaths for just this one establishment to *three,* all of them of individuals working on matters comprised under Secret Defence. Just like all the other victims of this sombre series.

To begin with, folk had thought that there might be some particular link with *Pakistan* involved, since two of the first deaths were of men from that country. But after that, all the falls from bridges, hangings, asphyxiations by gas, deaths by ingestion of narcotics, etc., involving as they did only individuals of purely Anglosaxon origin, have caused the investigators to abandon that particular scent, and to concentrate their attentions on the single problem of *Defence* and, over and beyond that, upon the position occupied by the firm of MARCONI.

This last-named organization, very much to the fore in all matters concerning military questions, has been engaged most notably in research in the domain of *submarines — detection, propulsion, etc.* In this particular field the British are commonly said to be three years ahead of the Americans, and ten years ahead of the Soviets. Enough to arouse plenty of "covetous interest"!

But, while at first this affair looked as though it pointed towards *"Pakistan",* and then later, towards *"submarines",* when, in January 1987, David Sands smashed himself at over 100 kms. p.h. into a wall, this time it was a question of a Marconi man who was *both* not a Pakistani and not working on research on submarines, but on *satellites.* And there were repercussions.

Once more the attempt was made to prove that it really was *"simply suicide".* The reason proposed for this was the *"stress"* being suffered by all those upon whose shoulders lies the burden of a *"military secret".* Another suggestion made was that if an investigation were to be carried out into MARCONI's use of funds supplied for Defence purposes, it would be discovered that certain monies had gone to "fraudulent destinations". But this theory failed to raise many ghosts. And it offers no explanation whatsoever as to why ordinary research personnel should kill themselves and why other persons whose links with the firm of MARCONI were not quite so close (salaried staff of the Royal Military College of Science) should also have died! And anyway, none of these arguments explain away this astounding series of suicides — *some of them perpetrated in circumstances already flatly stated to be "technically impossible"!*

At MARCONI's there is total silence. The giant firm would like to reap some of the £1½ billion promised to the British military manufacturing industries as contracts for the STAR WARS PROGRAMME.

At the prospect of this pile of corpses, the Americans are said to have cooled off a bit now. The officials of the Pentagon murmur: "Well, you know, we do purchase British military material. If, of course, this queer sort of business had happened in Argentina or Brazil, we would have already gone over there to take a closer look".

But, in fact, the Pentagon was already quietly resolved to send over some of its smartest police-sleuths to take a look around in Her Gracious Majesty's domain.

Will they manage to discover the truth? One may have one's doubts, because everyone seems to be still watching for the next *"suicide",* in the hope that his case will yield the key to the enigma. But the trouble is that, with each succeeding case recently, the labyrinth has only got more and more impenetrable. Shall we ever know whether the deaths of those *"Twenty-three Little — In the Woodpile"* were just due to *"chance",* or, alternatively, to "NECESSITY"?

And then, in the latter case, on behalf of what power, or in the name of what interests, would it have become necessary to eliminate them?

THE LIST OF MYSTERY DEATHS OF SCIENTISTS

1. Car Crash. March 1982.
   PROFESSOR KEITH BOWDEN, aged 46. A computer-programmer and scientist at Essex University, and engaged in computer work for MARCONI. Described as "an expert on super-computers and computer-controlled aircraft". He died in Essex when his immaculately-maintained *Rover* car went out of control across a dual carriageway and plunged down on to a disused railway line. Police said he had been drinking. *His wife said his friends all denied this. Coroner's Verdict:* ACCIDENT.
2. Mystery disappearance. April 1983.
   LT.-COL. ANTHONY GODLEY, aged 49.

Head of the work study unit and Defence expert at Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham. Disappeared, without explanation, in April 1983. *Presumed dead.* (His father had bequeathed him more than £79,000 with the proviso that he claim the money by 1987. He never did.)

3. Shotgun death. March 1985.
ROGER HILL, aged 49. Radar designer and draughtsman, with MARCONI. Killed himself with shotgun at family home.
Coroner's Verdict: SUICIDE.
4. Fatal leap. November 19, 1985.
JONATHAN WASH. A digital communications expert who had worked at MARCONI's parent company GEC, and also at British Telecom's secret research establishment at Martlesham Heath, Suffolk. He fell from a hotel room while working for British Telecom at Abidjan, Ivory Coast, West Africa. He was known to have expressed the fear that his life was in danger.
Coroner's Verdict (November 1988): OPEN.
5. Death Plunge. August 4, 1986
VIMAL DAJIBHAI, aged 24, born in Pakistan. (Hindu.) Computer software engineer with MARCONI, responsible for testing computer guidance-system for *Tigerfish* and *Sting Ray* torpedoes at Marconi's Underwater Systems, Croxley Green, Hertfordshire. (*Sting Ray,* his last job, was described in the press as a torpedo that seeks out the *weakest points* in the titanium hulls of deep-diving Soviet submarines known as "type *Mike*".) Dajibhai was found dead 240 ft below the Clifton Suspension Bridge, near Bristol. A Police report written just after his death was said to have mentioned the discovery of "a needle-sized puncture mark on Dajibhai's left buttock". But this was dismissed by the British authorities, as "a wound caused by the fall". The Coroner received several letters from friends of Dajibhai, all testifying that he had been a very cheerful fellow, and that he had been eagerly looking forward to starting in a new job 'in the City', in London. He was, in fact, in his last week with MARCONI's when he died.
Coroner's Verdict, (after *two* post-mortems): OPEN.
6. Strangled. October 1986.
ARSHAD SHARIF, aged 26. Also from Pakistan (Muslim). Computer analyst with MARCONI DEFENCE SYSTEMS, Stanmore, West London. He had put a cord around his neck and then attached the other end of the cord to a tree and then driven off, with his accelerator jammed down by a spanner. He had been working on *the detection of submarines by satellite.*
Coroner's Verdict: SUICIDE. (The death of this man, who lived very near to No. 5, Dajibhai, in Stanmore, also took place in Bristol. He was a recognized expert in advanced signal-processing. Evidence that turned up later seems to have complicated the picture more than somewhat. For it seems that Arshad Sharif had spent his last night in a guest-house in Bristol. Nobody knows why he had gone there. The last person to have seen him alive there said that when Arshad was paying for the room, he pulled out a great bundle of high-denomination banknotes wrapped with a rubber band. Yet only a few coins were found on his body. According to *Computer News* (April 14, 1988) the owner of the guest-house told the Police all about the great bundle of banknotes, but apparently nothing about this was said later at the inquest! (And the money was never found!) Another "curious" fact — also mentioned by *Computer News* of same date, was that most of the people living in that guest-house were connected with the big British firm of BRITISH AEROSPACE, which lies just a few yards down the road. Moreover, prior to joining MARCONI, Arshad Sharif himself had also worked at BRITISH AEROSPACE on guided weapons technology. And yet, says the paper, we are told that *everybody* — Government Ministers, Police, Coroners — is in agreement that there is no connection whatsoever between these deaths!)
7. Suffocated. April 24, 1987.
MARK WISNER, a software engineer at a Ministry of Defence establishment that is involved in many top-secret projects, was missing for one day and then found dead in the house which he shared with two colleagues. It was precisely one week after the deaths of Miss Shani Warren (Case 18) and of George Kountis (Case 16). Wisner had a plastic sack tied around his head and nine feet of cling-film around his face. The coroner was informed that it *"was a sexual experiment that went wrong". (See almost identical case of Richard Pugh-No. 8, some three months earlier, with same excuse given in identical terms.)*
Coroner's Verdict: ACCIDENT.
8. Suffocated. January 1987. RICHARD PUGH, aged 37. A Ministry of Defence computer consultant and digital communications expert, reported to have worked on defence projects, was found dead in his flat in Essex, with feet tied together and a plastic bag over his head and his body virtually wrapped from head to toe in rope. It was four times around his neck. At the inquest, it was explained that this *"was probably a sexual experiment that had gone wrong."*(!)
Coroner's Verdict: ACCIDENT.
9. Suffocated. January 12, 1987.
DR. JOHN BRITTAN, aged 52. A scientist formerly on top-secret work at the Royal College of Military Science, Shrivenham (known worldwide as one of the leading centres on the technologies of signal-processing, communications, surveillance, and target detection) and later employed in one of the research departments of the Ministry of Defence. Died in mysterious circumstances, allegedly of carbon monoxide poisoning, in his own car, with the engine running, in his garage, shortly after returning from a trip to the U.S.A. connected with his work.
Coroner's Verdict: ACCIDENTAL DEATH.
10. Mysterious disappearance. January 1987.
AVTAR SINGH-GIDA, aged 27. (Sikh.)
This signal-processing scientist, also of Pakistani origin, had worked at the RMCS, Shrivenham, and was now at Loughborough University on a Ministry of Defence grant, and he vanished just when he was in the final stages of writing his doctoral thesis on underwater signal-processing. They said at Loughborough University that his work was "not classified", but nevertheless it soon became known that in fact he belonged to the British Ministry of Defence's Admiralty Research Establishment, a very special place indeed and one deeply in-

volved in top-secret projects.

Avtar Singh-Gida had disappeared while conducting experiments at a reservoir near Derby. The British Police and also INTERPOL launched a big search in several countries, but without result. They said they had found absolutely no sign, at the spot, of his having been abducted, or of there having been any sort of struggle.

But Avtar Singh-Gida *did* turn up again — four months later! Acting on a tip-off from Police Headquarters, a Derby newspaper traced him to a boutique, *"in the red-light area of Paris!"* Returning to Britain, Singh-Gida told a reporter from the *Daily Telegraph:* "I walked away from the reservoir and caught a number of buses. I can't remember exactly, but it was a day or two later that I got to Paris. I just wandered around. I didn't have much money or any clothes. I was just in a state of confusion".

He is now said to be back at Loughborough and completing his work for the PhD, and *has told his family that he is unwilling* to discuss his own disappearance, or the death of his colleague and acquaintance, Vimal Dajibhai (No. 5).

11. Overdose. February 1987.
VICTOR MOORE, aged 46. Design engineer with MARCONI SPACE SYSTEMS. Claimed to have taken an overdose of drugs in Portsmouth.
Coroner's Verdict: SUICIDE.

12. Suffocated. February 22, 1987.
PETER PEAPELL, aged 46, a scientist at the Royal College of Military Science, Shrivenham, within only a few weeks from the death of his colleague John Brittan (No. 9), was found dead in his own garage in Oxfordshire, also allegedly of carbon monoxide poisoning. A scientist with an extremely high security classification, he had been working on such things as *the testing of titanium for its resistance to explosives,* and on the use of computers in analyzing the signals emanating from metals. The facts seemed to completely exclude both "accident" or "suicide".
His wife last saw him alive at around 3.00 a.m. on February 22, after they had returned home together from an evening spent with friends. She at once went off to bed, leaving Peapell to garage his car. She had awoken at about 9.30 a.m. and, finding he was not in bed, went to investigate, and found the garage door shut and heard the car engine running. She found her husband dead, lying with his head sticking out from under the car, face upwards, almost parallel with the rear bumper, and his mouth right in line with the tip of the exhaust-pipe.
Her first thought was that he might have been trying to check up on a "knocking noise" that they had heard when driving home. But there was no light in the garage (the light was broken), and Peapell had no torch with him. She told the Coroner there were no marital or financial problems, and that Peapell had enjoyed his work. He had just had a big pay-rise, and all his colleagues were agreed that he "showed absolutely no signs of stress".
According to a report in the newspaper *Mail On Sunday,* the Police felt completely baffled *and were unable to explain how Peapell's body could even have got into such a position beneath the car!* A policeman experimented, to see if he could crawl under the car and then shut the garage doors. Or, alternatively, how he could have closed the garage doors first and then squeezed himself under the car. *Both tasks were found impossible.* And carbon deposits subsequently discovered on the inner side of the garage door showed that the car's engine had been run for only a short time.
Peapell had worked at the RMCS, Shrivenham, for 25 years. Whether or not he had known or been a friend of John Brittan (No. 9), also an RMCS scientist who seemed to have died in precisely the same way a month before, did not seem to have been established. When he died, Peapell was no longer actually at the RMCS, but had moved to one of the research departments of the Ministry of Defence. It was, however, to be noted that *both these men were RMCS scientists, and both had just been on trips to the U.S.A. in connection with their work.*
Coroner's Verdict: OPEN.

13. Suffocated. February 1987.
EDWIN SKEELS, aged 43, engineer with MARCONI, Leicester, found dead in his car with hosepipe leading from the exhaust.
Coroner's Verdict: OPEN.

14. Car Crash. March 30, 1987.
DAVID SANDS, aged 37. Sands, who was a senior scientist working at Camberley for EASAMS (a sister-company of the big defence contractors MARCONI), was engaged on a "highly sensitive digital communications project". On his way to work on the day in question, he allegedly performd a sudden U-turn on a dual carriageway and drove his car, loaded with extra petrol cans, at high speed into a disused café, and died in the fire. He was wearing his seat-belt. No obvious reason for suicide could be found. Dr. John Brittan (No. 9) had also been working at Camberley.
Coroner's Verdict: OPEN.

15. Car Crash. April 10, 1987.
STUART GOODING, aged 23, a postgraduate research student at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, died in a mysterious car crash while on holiday in Cyprus, at a time when personnel from that College were engaged in military exercises on that island. After the death, he was first described by the authorities as *"a student"*, later as *"an undergraduate"* and then, finally, as *"a scientific officer"*. His place of work was not mentioned at the inquest.
Coroner's Verdict: ACCIDENT.

16. Car Crash. April 1987.
GEORGE KOUNTIS, an experienced systems analyst at Bristol Polytechnic, died on the same day as Shani Warren (Case 18). His drowned body was found in his upturned BMW car in the River Mersey at Liverpool.
Coroner's Verdict: MISADVENTURE.
(After the inquiry, his sister called for a fresh inquest, saying: *"Things don't add up!"*)

17. Mystery Leap. April 10, 1987.
DAVID GREENHALGH, a NATO Defence Contracts Manager at I.C.L. (International Computers Ltd.). On the very same day that Stuart Gooding (No. 15) died mysteriously in Cyprus, Greenhalgh was critically injured (though it seems not killed) in a strange 40-ft. fall, having apparently jumped from a bridge at Maidenhead, between his home and his place of work. He was reported to have no idea of how it had come about. The first description

given of him was that he was "a salesman". *It is to be noted that ICL were working on the same defence project as David Sands (No. 14).* Greenhalgh appears to have survived.

18. Drowned in 18 inches of water. April 17, 1987.
MISS SHANI WARREN, a personal assistant in the firm of MICRO SCOPE, a digital communications and computer company, was found drowned in a lake in 18 inches of water. She had been gagged with a noose around her neck. Her feet were bound with rope, and her hands were tied behind her back. At first the Police said that there was *"a 50/50 chance of suicide"* (!). A pathologist from the Home Office in London also suggested suicide! Less than four weeks after her death, MICRO SCOPE was acquired by the G.E.C., which is the parent-company of MARCONI. *The spot where Shani Warren died was distant by only a few minutes from where David Greenhalgh (Case No. 17) had dwelt, and she died precisely one week after the cases of Greenhalgh and Gooding (Cases Nos. 17 and 15).*
Coroner's Verdict: OPEN. (She had, so the authorities said, "probably gagged herself, tied her feet with rope, tied her hands behind her back, and then hobbled, on her stiletto heels, to the lake!")

19. Car Crash. May 3, 1987.
MICHAEL BAKER, aged 22, a digital communications expert on a defence-related project with the firm of PLESSEY, died when his BMW car crashed through a barrier near Poole, in Dorset. He was a part-time member of the Signals Corps of the S.A.S. (Special Air Service).
Coroner's Verdict: MISADVENTURE.

20. Heart Attack. June 1987.
FRANK JENNINGS, aged 60. Electronic weapons engineer with firm of PLESSEY. Found dead of heart attack. *No inquest.*

21. Death Leap. January 1988.
RUSSELL SMITH, aged 23, laboratory technician with the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, Oxfordshire. Found dead halfway down a cliff at Boscastle, Cornwall.
Coroner's Verdict: SUICIDE.

22. Suffocated. March 25, 1988.
TREVOR KNIGHT, aged 52, a computer engineer with MARCONI SPACE & DEFENCE SYSTEMS at Stanmore, N.W. London, was found slumped at the wheel of his car in his garage at Harpenden in Hertfordshire. According to the *News of the World* (March 27, 1988), a hosepipe was connected to the exhaust of the car. The Police treated the affair as a "routine suicide" until they discovered the hush-hush nature of Knight's work when they contacted the British Defence Authorities about the case. According to the report in the local newspaper *Herts Advertiser* (April 14, 1988) the inquest was held by the St. Albans Coroner, Dr. Arnold Mendoza, who said that Knight's colleague and woman friend, Miss Narmada Thanki (who also worked with Knight at MARCONI in Stanmore) had found three notes left by Knight which clearly showed his intention to take his own life. He had been off work, sick, suffering from the 'whiplash' effects received in a car accident. His wife (estranged, but still on good terms with him) also said that she could see Knight had been depressed for some time, but she added that he had said nothing to her about suicide.
Miss Thanki, who said she had been involved emotionally with Knight for about eight years past, mentioned that she did know he disliked the work on which he was engaged, but she said she had not personally seen any signs of depression in him. She said, however, that he had suffered continuously, for a period of five years, as the result of several traffic accidents in which he had been involved, and he also suffered from migraine.
Coroner's Verdict: SUICIDE.
(Of our entire list, this might be thought to be the clearest case of genuine suicide.)

23. Electrocuted. August 22 or 23 1988.
PETER FERRY, aged 60, a retired Army Brigadier, working as Assistant Marketing Director with MARCONI, was found, in the company flat where he lived, dead with electric leads into his mouth. He was unquestionably very depressed having had several serious car accidents, particularly one on August 2.
Coroner's Verdict: OPEN.

24. Electrocuted. Also in August 1988.
ALISTAIR BECKHAM, aged 50, software engineer with PLESSEY DEFENCE SYSTEMS, was found in a garden shed with electric wires running to his body from the mains.
Coroner's Verdict: OPEN.

25. Suffocated. September 1988.
ANDREW HALL, aged 33, engineering manager with BRITISH AEROSPACE, found dead in car with hosepipe connected to exhaust.
Coroner's Verdict: SUICIDE.

The last reference that we have seen to these alarming matters was a report in the newspaper *Sunday Express* of February 12, 1989:–

Bizarre Cases of 25 Dead Scientists

Defence Secretary George Younger has denied there was anything sinister about the deaths of 25 British scientists over the past seven years.

New evidence and fresh allegations of murder are revealed in a television programme, The Marconi Curse, to be shown in Australia today. (Italics by ED, FSR).

The programme, in the SIXTY MINUTES series, says nine of the defence scientists to die mysteriously were connected with the electronics firm of MARCONI. Relatives of the dead were all assured that their deaths were either accidental or suicide.

But SIXTY MINUTES asks: *"Could they have been murdered?"*

In his first public comment on the deaths, Mr Younger told the Australian programme: "If you've got thousands of people working on a project, quite a number of them are likely to die. I don't see anything sinister in that."

Asked if he felt the deaths represented too many coincidences, Mr Younger replied: "That is your interpretation and not necessarily mine. No doubt if you have been into particular instances, there are strange things that happen."

But the widows of the scientists disagree with Mr Younger.

Dorothea Whiteman, whose husband John** was found dead in his bath with an empty bottle of sleeping tablets and two empty whisky bottles by his side, claimed the autopsy showed no trace of drugs and only a very small amount of alcohol in his blood.

Death

Mrs Whiteman raised the possibility of a link between her husband's death and the project on which he had been working.

He worked at BRITISH AEROSPACE's military aircraft plant at Walton, Manchester. He was team-leader of the computer software unit designing the new *Euro Fighter* attack aircraft, which is costing Britain 16 billion dollars.

In another case, Keith Bowden, a mathematics professor, crashed when he was driving home alone after dinner with friends. *The Bowden family claim that his death involved foul play.*

An accident investigator hired by Mrs Bowden's solicitor said that someone had removed the new tyres on the car some time before the crash, and replaced them with worn-out re-treads.

Alastair Beckham, who worked for Plessey Naval Systems, south of London, was found electrocuted in his garden shed with a gag in his mouth. His widow Mary Beckham refused to accept the Police version that Alastair had been stressed and depressed. "He did not commit suicide. He was murdered", she said.

Professor Colin Pritchard, a psychiatrist at Southampton University, said: "Some of the suicides have involved very violent deaths. If you get violent deaths, you usually get severe mental illness like schizophrenia, and there are no reports that these deaths are associated with such behaviour."

GEC, the parent-company of MARCONI, said a second inquiry into the deaths had been completed.

COMMENTS AND NOTES BY EDITOR, FSR

* One word of French text omitted here from translation. (French people — alas — enjoy a fuller freedom in the use of their own language than the British do with theirs!)

** The name *John Whiteman* does not appear in any of the other reports that have come my way. But, if we are to include him, then our list runs not to 25 but 26. And, with the five Intelligence men at GCHQ, this gives us an overall total of 31. But — again — our total is taken to 32 if we also include the highly suspicious case of another man, *Dennis Skinner,* who worked for the British computer company ICL at its office in Moscow from 1968 to 1974, and thereafter continued to work there as the Moscow representative of the Midland Bank, until his death.

One day in June 1983, in Moscow, his broken, barefoot body was found lying hundreds of feet beneath the open windows of his apartment, with a tracksuit top over his head. Just two days earlier, he had sent a note to the British Embassy in Moscow saying that his life was in danger, and pleading to return home. And again, just three hours before he died, he had made an urgent telephone call to the Embassy saying that he was in imminent danger. Just before his death he had also telephoned to his Russian wife Lyudmilla, saying *"We have a terrible enemy"*.

VERDICT OF THE JURY AT THE INQUIRY SUBSEQUENTLY HELD IN ENGLAND: *"DEATH BY UNLAWFUL KILLING"*. Had it not been for the very brave stand taken by the courageous Coroner, Dr Mary McHugh (who almost lost her job over the case!) the British authorities would have succeeded in brainwashing the jury into accepting an "OPEN" verdict!

In conclusion, let me add that I had been collecting details of these strange deaths since 1985, some of it being based upon an article by Tony Collins (today the Executive Editor of *Computer Weekly*) in the *Computer News* of April 14, 1988. And it is interesting to note that Mr Collins has just recently brought out a book on the subject: OPEN VERDICT:– AN ACCOUNT OF 25 MYSTERIOUS DEATHS IN THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY (Sphere Books, London, 1990. Price £4.99).

Mr Tony Collins has done a very thorough and careful job of research, meticulously accurate so far as I can see, as befits such a technical expert as he is — a leading writer on computing matters. *But (so far as one can judge) he most probably knows nothing whatsoever about "our" subject, so it is perfectly natural that he should be studying and viewing the deaths solely against the current backdrop of EW (Electronic Warfare), and what are called in the jargon "C3" (command, control, communications, which alone would hold the key to victory in any future new major war on this planet),* and *"C3i" (command- control- communications-* plus intelligence).

Mr Collins has therefore concluded, sensibly enough, that these deaths must almost certainly have been deliberate *killings,* AND MUST THEREFORE HAVE BEEN THE WORK OF EITHER THE SOVIET KGB OR OF OUR OWN CLOAK-AND-DAGGER SERVICES.

Those of us, however, who are aware of the far, far wider issue represented by the UFO Enigma may be forgiven if we express our doubts as to the adequacy of Mr Collins' conclusions.

Everything, of course, will depend upon whether any evidence comes to light that indicates that a similar wave of mysterious deaths has occurred in America. (And we have heard of none there so far.)

Even if no such evidence be forthcoming from the U.S.A., then we are still going to have to do some very painful thinking around one cardinal and vital fact — namely that all these mysterious deaths, as we have adequately demonstrated, have involved individuals who were engaged in top-secret activities closely connected with the U.S.A.'s "STAR WARS PROGRAMME" ("STRATEGIC DEFENCE INITIATIVE — S.D.I.").

Although we have not so far considered it timely or wise to discuss these particular questions in FSR, I have done a great deal of thinking since 1947 about mankind's so-called "SPACE EXPLORATION PROGRAMMES" of these past forty years, and I have assembled some startling and disconcerting material. In my view it is extremely improbable that we have ever been told the truth *about the reasons* for these very costly American and Russian "Space Programmes", and also extremely improbable that — GREAT AND GRAVE AS SOVIET — AMERICAN DIFFERENCES HAVE BEEN AND ARE — the U.S. "Star Wars Programme" *has ever been directed against the USSR or that the rulers of that "Evil Empire" (and they ARE evil) have ever believed that it WAS!*

In other words, we may have seen a lot of fine "shadow-boxing" and bluff, and one may ask oneself whether those against whom it is all REALLY directed have ever been "taken in by it" themselves? (One can only hope and pray that they *have*!)

Whatever the truth of all this may be, current signs do seem to indicate that time may be running out for us fast. (Possibly we may say more about these matters in a future issue.)

It would, of course, be immensely helpful if we had any evidence of similar "mystery deaths" of scientists in Russia. But, given the nature of the Soviet Police State, and despite all the current absurd "Gorbymania" and ballyhoo in the West about this fabulous new word *"perestroika" (which simply means RECONSTRUCTION or REORGANIZATION of the Soviet and Marxist* system) we would not be likely ever to learn about the occurrence of such deaths of scientists over there, however numerous they might be!

(As one of our Soviet Ufologist correspondents has just told me, in a letter dated April 14, 1990, the soil around every Russian city is crammed with the piles of the more than 15 million *of their own people who were murdered by Stalin and the KGB* — not to mention the entire officer corps of the Polish Army — 15,000 men and one Air Force woman colonel — who were butchered at Katyn and a number of other sites. *How right Solzhenitsyn was when he wrote that the Communists were even far worse than the Nazis!)*

In such a terrible situation, says our Russian correspondent, it would be useless to seek for the corpse of any individual for purposes of identification. Why, therefore, could we ever hope to learn whether scientists over there have lately also been dying mysteriously?.

Nevertheless, in a world of immense uncertainties, only

one thing seems clear — namely that all of us — Soviets and Westerners and others alike — are today cowering beneath a nasty *"Sword of Damocles"* which may mark the beginning of the end of the reign of this conceited and myopic creature *Homo Sap.*

POSTSCRIPT BY EDITOR, FSR

I wrote this article in the summer of 1990. Since then, I have not seen a single report about any more such deaths in any British newspaper! I therefore recently asked Mr Tony Collins what he thought about this, and it seems that he too knows of no new cases. But, since the only official "explanation" for such cases so far has been "STRESS", the situation now becomes astounding. For there has been a continued severe deterioration in the British economic situation over the past year, and consequently "STRESS" must now be far more prevalent here than ever! Mr Collins admitted that he had not thought of this, and found my suggestion startling.

If, then, "STRESS" has truly been the cause, we would then have to accept that, since the end of 1988, the British authorities have been censoring the situation so closely that not one single further report of the suicide of a British scientist has got into our newspapers!

But, is it conceivable that such a drastic censorship can be in force and can be sustained? Personally I doubt it very much. Therefore it looks as though the situation is even more mysterious than ever, and one is still left to wonder whether an alien influence is responsible? — G.C.

SPECIAL REPORT TO FSR (MAY 1991)

B.A. PILOTS REPORT UFOs OVER CONTINENT AND NORTH SEA. R.A.F. "TORNADO" TAKES EVASIVE ACTION AS UFOs "FORMATE" ON PLANES OVER THE NORTH SEA

By Paul Whitehead, FSR Director and Consultant

IT was dark, early evening (6.15 pm local time), on November 5th 1990, and a British Airways passenger aircraft was en route to London, flying over the Alps at 31,000 ft. The crew heard a nearby Lufthansa jet report and query "traffic ahead". The BA captain peered intently ahead into the night sky. What he saw was hardly what he expected!

(At the time, the European press reported the incident, and the "official line" was given: the UFOs were in fact "space debris from an old satellite re-entering the atmosphere".)

Well, *maybe!* But more details have now emerged. An airline pilot, well known to me and based in the UK, has spoken personally to the BA captain who logged the report, at the request of SIGAP (Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena). SIGAP has agreed to the captain's request not to make public his name, in order to protect him from publicity, and FSR respects that request. The airline pilot who spoke to the BA captain also wishes to remain anonymous.

What did the BA captain see? Here is his comment...

"I looked ahead and saw, somewhat to my surprise, ahead and to the right and higher than we were, a set of bright lights. One of the lights, the leading one, was brighter than the others, and appeared bigger, *almost disklike.* It was followed closely by another three that seemed to be in a V formation. As I watched, I heard another aircraft crew also reporting seeing lights!

"I watched the objects intently as they moved across my field of view, right to left, ahead and high. It was then, on hearing the report from the other aircraft, that I realised I was watching something much further away than I first thought. The other report came from France."

Was it a satellite re-entry? The pilot stated: "It certainly didn't look like that to me. I have seen a re-entry before and this was different."

But it was the BA captain's further comments that are causing amazement and intense interest. SIGAP has released the information to UFO researcher and writer Tim Good, and we hope to have more comprehensive details this year.

That same night a colleague of the captain, in another BA aircraft, reported two "very bright mystifying lights" while flying over the North Sea. Two days later, an RAF Tornado pilot told the captain that on the same evening (5th November) his Tornado — while flying with another squadron aircraft, had been "approached by bright lights". The lights, he reported, "formated on the Tornadoes". (The expression "formate" is apparently used to indicate a deliberate intent.)

The accompanying Tornado pilot was so convinced that they were on collision course with the lights *(apparently nine of them were seen)* that he "broke away" and took "violent evasive action". This same pilot later added that he thought he was heading directly for a *C.5 Galaxy,* a giant US transport plane. The formation of UFOs carried "straight on course and shot off ahead at speed — they were nearly supersonic. Some *C.5*", he said, indicating that they were going faster than the speed a *C.5* can achieve. *Some C5!*

The pilot known to Paul Whitehead commented. *"This is all a good true story, and could do with an explanation. All the pilots are adamant that what they had seen was definitely not satellite debris — and they should know."*

It is to be noted that the North Sea lies to the east of Britain and just north of Belgium, and the Belgian Air Force have recently pursued and filmed UFOs over land close to the North Sea, and possibly over the North Sea itself. (See Reports on "Huge Triangular Craft Over Belgium" in FSR 35/2 and 35/4. The attention of readers is also specially drawn to Omar Fowler's report of an extremely similar case, "UFO SEEN FROM 'TRIDENT' NEAR LISBON" in July 1976, which was published in FSR 22/4 (1976).

EXCLUSIVE REPORT TO FSR

A STORY ABOUT THE SCIENTISTS OF THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF SUPPLY, AND ABOUT THEIR FILM OF TWO UFOs

By Denny Densham

Former Adviser on Films to the Ministry of Supply. (Now retired.)

DURING the 1950s I was attached to the British Government's Ministry of Supply as their Adviser on Films (AOF). (I had originally been designated as the *"Film Adviser"*, but somebody in the Establishment Section realized that when my office was listed in the directory it would read "D.H. Densham FA", And he thought that a little impolite!)

I am now a retired 68-year-old, and as I did not keep a diary I cannot now be absolutely certain of the exact date of this occurrence, but I think it was probably in either 1958 or 1959.[1]

One afternoon, a Security man came to see me, and presented a 100 ft. roll of standard 16 mm. *Kodachrome* film. He asked me to project this, and give my comments. The film had been shot by a "boffin" who was a member of a group of scientists who had flown from Scandinavia to observe an eclipse of the Sun.

The roll started with shots of a group of scientists boarding a *Constellation* aircraft in rainy conditions. Then there were scenes from the ground after their take-off, and a lot of grey rainy cloud as the plane climbed.

The next shot, however, shook me to the core, for suddenly the man with the camera switched it on while it was resting on his lap. He panned it up and around to his window, and a *'Flying Saucer'* suddenly came into view at a direct right-angle to the plane's direction of flight. It came from starboard to port, and flew in line along the wing, and it was followed almost immediately by a second machine.

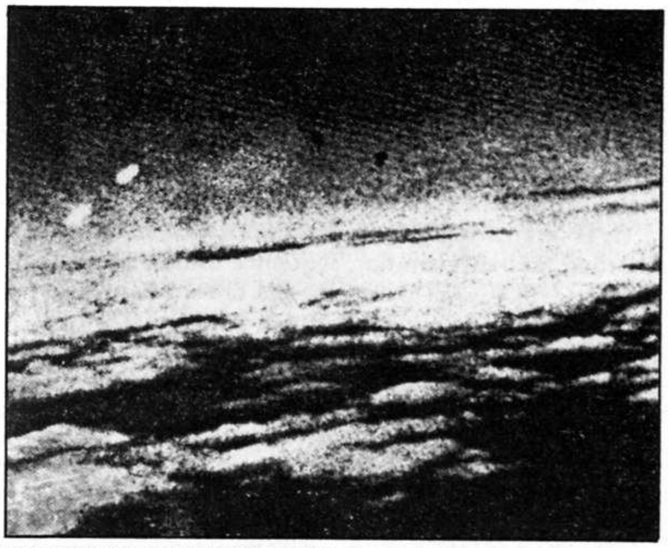
It is always difficult to judge distances and heights, but the two saucers seemed to be only about 20 ft. above the *Constellation.* As the saucers reached a distance of approximately 200 ft. or so, they both shot forward at a tremendous speed and vanished out of sight.

The Security man said that the cameraman had been alerted by a companion seated at a starboard window; hence the reason why the cameraman had switched his camera on as it lay in his lap.

The remainder of the film contained shots of an eclipsing Sun.

The two saucers were rotating, and had portholes. They were what I would describe as 'traditional' saucers, similar in detail to the alleged "Adamski" machines.[2]

The Security man left the roll of film with me, and, after he had gone, my assistant Mr Gulick and I set up an Aldis slide-projector and pulled this section of the film through by hand. By doing this we were able to enlarge the frames. We knew that the film had been exposed in a Bolex camera, because a cut-out mark in the gate was exposed on every frame. We found that the frame lines were absolutely sharp, so there was no possibility of the film having been double-exposed, and as it was a *Kodachrome* master it could not have been tampered with during or after processing.



THE DATE: 30th JUNE 1954
THE TIME: 2.17 p.m.
THE LOCATION: Lifjell (Telemark)
THE ALTITUDE: 15,000 ft.
THE SPEED: 340 mph.
And there are the two u.f.o.'s just outside the shadow of the eclipse.

It was quite genuine — a fact that was subsequently verified by Kodaks.

Because 16 mm. frames are exposed at approx. 1/30th of a second, the images were slightly distorted.[3] The portholes on the saucers showed up as egg-shaped, but we could see the Sun glinting on the metal of their construction.

I duly sent the roll of film to Farnborough, where the Ministry of Supply had a team who studied film records of rocket-firing tests from the Aberporth Range. They were as astounded as I had been, and they pointed out something that I had failed to see.

Namely — as the two UFOs lined up with the *Constellation* aircraft's window, some scratches on the perspex of the window obliterated the detail at that point. This meant that the saucers were definitely outside, and were not superimposed upon the aircraft's window.

Somehow, by using their graphs, the Farnborough scientists calculated the yaw, pitch and roll of the flight-path of the two UFOs, their size, and even their approximate weight and speed of acceleration.

When the film was returned to me, I took it to Brigadier Jihu (now deceased), who was the Chief Information Officer for the Ministry of Supply. I fully expected him to censor it, but, despite all the stories I had heard about "Government cover-ups", he said: *"We'll release it to the Newsreels"*.

I expected that the film would therefore 'make the headlines', for here was photographic proof that flying saucers existed. But to my great astonishment only one newsreel — UNIVERSAL NEWS — used

the material. The others were not in the least interested, and not a single newspaper covered the story.[4]

The only other people interested, however, were the BBC. They had the pictures of the UFOs blown up to 35 mm. black-and-white (this was of course before colour TV came in), and they arranged with Kays' Laboratory to duplicate the shot with step printing, so that, when projected, the saucers were seen in a sort of jerky slow motion as they revolved. This material was used by the BBC in a TV programme which they transmitted on Flying Saucers.

I have no idea what on earth happened to the master-copy of this valuable piecé of UFO film.[5] Likely as not it was lodged somewhere in the BBC Film Archives, which is sad, for at that time the BBC had a record for "losing" film library material.

All I can say is that I KNOW that flying saucers exist. What they are, however, or where they come from, remains a complete mystery to me.

(It is interesting to note that, some years later, I saw another, and very similar, sequence of film pictures of the two UFOs, shot by one of the other scientists who were on that same expedition to study the eclipse of the Sun. This example was, however, shot on 8 mm. film, whereas the first lot which was brought to me was on 16 mm film.)

FOOTNOTES (By Editor, FSR)

(1) The date on which the two UFOs were filmed over Lifjell, Telemark, Southern Norway, during an eclipse of the Sun, was in fact June 30, 1954 (the very same year, the *annus mirabilis* of 1954, when we had such a massive visitation of much of Western Europe by UFOs. Incidentally, the famous Norwegian close encounter case at Mosjøen was to come less than two months later, on August 20).

The Lifjell story was the subject of two reports in FSR. Two reports separated by a space of sixteen years.

Our first article, *Scandinavian Eclipse Expedition Films UFOs,* appeared in FSR Volume 2, No. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1956) during the editorship of Waveney Girvan (our second Editor). And, in view of its very great interest and importance, we are republishing it below. As readers will see, it makes Mr Denny Densham's story look fascinatingly true. In fact, *dangerously true.*

The second Lifjell article, sixteen years later, *The Lifjell Film Said To Be A Hoax,* appeared in FSR 18/1 (January/February 1972), under the editorship of Charles Bowen, our *fourth* Editor, and was the fruit of a long and patient debunking campaign which — *quite predictably and quite inevitably* — had been carefully mounted. And it had succeeded in quite deceiving Charles Bowen. We also republish it in full below.

Few folk, needless to say, would ever have seen the original story in FSR 2/1. Our readership then was probably no more than a few hundreds. Nothing to worry about! And had the story never appeared anywhere *else*, then assuredly it would never have caused anxiety for anyone. Most sadly and unfortunately, however, there *was* something else to vex and disturb the authorities and the debunkers, and this was the fact that, as Mr Densham mentions, the BBC had let the cat out of the bag badly and shown the film to a large body of viewers by including it in a TV programme on UFOs which was produced by Philip Daley and which went out on BBC-1 at 9.05 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 1968, under the title *"The UFO Mystery".*

When I think back and recall what the BBC have given FSR over the years since then, this particular UFO documentary (which included interviews with Charles Bowen and myself and others) seems a curiously , indeed uniquely, "fair" discussion of "our subject". In later years, the Gentlemen of the British Media, and the MENDACIOUS BRIGADE as a whole, would go on to achieve remarkable heights in the field of ridicule and defamation.

Will readers please note expecially that Mr Densham goes on to say:-

> *"I have no idea what on earth happened to the master-copy of this valuable piece of UFO film. Likely as not it was lodged somewhere in the BBC Film Archives, which is sad, for at that time the BBC had a record for 'losing' Film Library material."*

(Mr Densham will surely be very interested to know that there was a remarkable sequel to this, as I will show below, but it only came many years later!)

(2) No wonder that the Lifjell film generated "concern"! Just recall how much energy and effort, over so many years, had gone into the job of "rubbishing" and "defusing" Adamski's dangerous and alarming photographs!

(3) As is well known, numerous UFO photographs have shown *distortion* or what even seem to be actual *changes of shape,* and the critics have always made plenty out of this. However, the more experienced of the investigators in our task realize that there is good evidence that such apparent anomalies may very likely be due to a UFO's own "field", since these craft seem to emit unknown radiations or some unknown type of energy.

(4) This certainly seems to be correct insofar as the *British* press was concerned. The affair did receive some publicity in the Scandinavian newspapers, but we do not know how much, nor how it was dealt with, and we have never seen any of the press reports from there.

SEQUEL

(5) I expect that our readers, along with everyone else at FSR, were fully satisfied by the convenient "explanation" for the Lifjell affair that Charles Bowen published in 1972, and I never heard the matter discussed again. But I did not feel happy about it myself, and I continued to wonder and to ask questions.

And then, suddenly, about ten years ago, as I recall it now, a reliable informant, who had been permitted access to the BBC Film Archives, told me in confidence *that he had actually found the film*, and that the metal canister containing it bore a label with some such wording as "RESTRICTED. DO NOT USE". — G.C.

EXTRACT from *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW,* Vol. 2, NO. 1 (January/February 1956), pages 6 and 7.

SCANDINAVIAN ECLIPSE EXPEDITION FILMS U.F.Os.

By FSR Editor Waveney Girvan

Just over eighteen months ago a flight of three Scandinavian airliners carrying a total of 50 observers took off from Norway to observe the eclipse of the sun. But they saw more than the eclipse. They saw two u.f.o.s. One of the observers was *Mr. E. Graham,* the Swedish Travel Bureau's London Press Officer. Here is a description of the incident taken from his report on the eclipse.

I WAS about to put a new film into my camera when my attention was distracted by Mr. Johansen pointing towards the Northern horizon and crying out above the engine noise "What the hell is that?".

I looked out of the porthole and observed two shiny discs travelling across the horizon.

By now the entire party were watching the objects, nobody thinking of getting a camera on to them.

After we had studied the objects for a while Mr. Bjørnulf dashed across the floor to get his camera. He

searched for a while, the other cameramen urging him to hurry. It was only then that we realised that we were watching something which none of us believed in — so-called "Flying Saucers".

We were still discussing, shouting at each other — and when the objects began to disappear pandemonium broke loose as everyone tried to get their camera ready first. By then Mr. Bjørnulf trained his object finder on the discs and began filming.

The objects were clearly revolving and showed "stern-lines" . I am not certain whether these "lines" may have been a kind of exhaust fumes.

It was impossible to estimate their speed, or their size. I assume, however, that as the objects were about 15-20 miles away, the speed (and their size) must have been far beyond anything achieved by man-made aeroplanes.

I am basing this assumption on the fact that the objects *were out in the sun, while we were still in the shadow of the eclipse.* The shadow extended at least 15 miles north of our position. I cannot offer any opinion as to what these objects were, or where they might have come from.

Waveney Girvan writes:

Flying saucers would, I believe, lose much of their fascination if it were not for the sceptics, bless them, who bring an element of cosmic humour into what is essentially a most serious subject. At the private showing in London recently of the Swedish Travel Bureau film, there were a number of newspaper-men present, and it was most instructive to hear their comments when the show had ended. In spite of the commentary, spoken by Mr. E. Graham, one of fifty who were present in three planes which had been sent up to record in colour the eclipse of the sun over Norway on 30th June, 1954, the sceptics devoted their whole attention to the film.

This, after all, was only part of the evidence that had been presented. Ignoring the positive statements made by Mr. Graham, the "will-not-to-believers" suggested that the objects might not have been flying saucers, but something else. "Could they have been reflections in the windows of the planes?" (Mr. Graham had stated that there were no window-glasses, for they had been removed to avoid any such reflections. Also, the objects were seen from each of the three planes.)

Momentarily baffled, the sceptics then suggested that the two objects could have been seagulls, even though Mr. Graham had clearly stated that they appeared to be perfectly circular, glowing and revolving; indeed a close inspection of the film as it was being shown proved that they pulsated in the now familiar manner — this effect could be produced by a circular object revolving slightly off its true centre. Your sceptic is a tough customer, however, and I now suspected that the eye-witnesses would all be accused of fraud or insobriety, but politeness restrained such accusations from being made in the presence of a member of the expedition.

There were only two explanations left. The true one, of course, was that here was yet another proof of the existence of flying saucers, the film confirming the reports of fifty trustworthy witnesses. Rather than admit this, however, one of the sceptics suggested that the two aircraft — by inference he admitted that they must have been aerial machines — were Russian. He was prepared to admit to the terrifying thought that Russia was between fifty and a hundred years ahead of us in aeronautics. He preferred this gloomy speculation rather than admit that apparently harmless visitors were coming to us from outer space. His fear of the unknown must be truly great, and I think is the real explanation of the sceptic's fight against the persistent evidence that the flying saucers are real.

The Astronomer Royal

In the same week as the film was being shown the new Astronomer Royal arrived in England and announced that the flying saucers were "bilge". As I have always held, this is the correct way to deal with the subject if you are an unbeliever. Refuse to listen to eye-witnesses and arguments and, above all, keep away from films like the one under review. If once the objective reality of the saucers is accepted, you are forced to adopt the only working hypothesis that they are aerial machines not made on this earth. Dr. Woolley is probably aware of the truth of this statement, and "bilge" was, from his point of view, an excellent word for dismissing the whole subject. *I think it would be most unwise, however, for readers of this review to accept too readily that the words spoken by the new Astronomer Royal represent his innermost thoughts on the flying saucers.*

Extract from *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* Vol. 18, No. 1 (Jan./Feb. 1972)

DOUBTS ABOUT THE LIFJELL FILM

Charles Bowen

On June 30, 1954, three Scandinavian aircraft, carrying between them some 50 people, including scientific observers, cameramen and journalists, took off with their parties who were to observe and film the eclipse of the sun. One film, taken at 2.17 p.m. while travelling at 340 m.p.h. at 15,000ft. near Lifjell, Telemark, Norway, included a sequence on which two glowing discs were seen.

This film has been looked upon as one of the reasonably interesting items of "evidence" since an account of the incident was published in an early number of *Flying Saucer Review,* yet it now appears there have always been doubts about the authenticity of the film. Apparently the story — that here was a moving picture of two UFOs — was denied emphatically at the time by three members of the expedition. An article under their signatures appeared in the newspaper *Aftenposten* on October 14, 1954, before *Flying Saucer Review* came into existence. Our account appeared in the issue for January/February 1956, and at that time we had few, if any, readers and correspondents in Norway, so it does not surprise me that a copy of the *Aftenposten* item never reached us. Our version of the incident came from a London source which we had every reason to believe reliable.

Recapitulation

Waveney Girvan represented the *Review* at a private press showing in London of the Swedish Travel Bureau film. This was introduced by the Bureau's London Press Officer, Mr. E. Graham, who stated that

he had been one of the observers. We published a description of the incident which we took from Mr. Graham's report on the eclipse. He said:

"I was about to put a new film in my camera when my attention was distracted by Mr. Johansen pointing towards the Northern horizon and crying out above the engine noise 'What the hell is that?'

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Waveney Girvan reported that there were, at the conference, some who suggested that the objects seen in the film were reflections in the windows of the plane... regardless of the fact that Mr. Graham had stated that there were no window-glasses for they had been removed to avoid such reflections. Also, the objects were seen from each of the three planes."

That, in brief, is how we have known the story of the Lifjell film for more than 15 years.

The other side of the coin

Mr. Julian Hennessey, NICAP representative in this country, told me a few months ago that he had decided to probe into the history of this film. I asked him to keep me informed, and suggested that he should tread warily — in view of the fact that so much time had elapsed since the incident. He did keep me informed: indeed it would seem, from the dates of the letters he had received in answer to his probing, that he had already done his re-investigation when he got in touch with me. First of all he had written to the "Norwegian Astronomical Society", and his letter found its way to Dr. Eberhard Jensen of the Institute of Theoretical Physics at the University of Oslo.

Professor Jensen, who had been a member of the 1954 expedition to photograph the eclipse, wrote on March 31, 1970, to explain that he had not been in the aircraft carrying Mr. Bjørnulf, but in one flying on a parallel course. He said that the *Heron* aircraft in which he was travelling had open hatches, but that Mr. Bjørnulf took his film through a closed window and that the UFOs were "reflections". Mr. Hennessey was recommended to write to Mr. Rolf Brahde, associate professor at the University of Oslo, who had also been a member of the expedition.

In a letter dated April 13, 1970, Mr Brahde told how, after the eclipse party had returned, Mr. Bjørnulf announced his flying saucers to the press and *Aftenposten* published a 4-page article on the affair. At that point an American member of the party, Dr. Garwick, proposed that reflections satisfactorily explained the phenomenon, whereupon Mr. Bjørnulf announced that the windows of the aeroplane were open during the flight.

Mr. Brahde further revealed that he, Dr. Garwick, and another member of the expedition, Mr. H. C. Christensen, went to Fornebu airfield and arranged for a similar aeroplane to be wheeled out and "... placed in the same direction as regards the position of the sun. Then we saw..." he continued, "exactly the same pattern as was shown on Bjørnulf's film".

Mr. Brahde also revealed that the man who shot the film was *not* Bjørnulf, but a man named Conradi. When Mr. Brahde tackled Mr. Bjørnulf about the UFO story when it had appeared in the press, he was told that Mr. Conradi was away on holiday. Nevertheless Mr. Brahde telephoned, and spoke to Mr. Conradi, and later met him when the latter confirmed that the windows had been closed as it was impossible to be in the cabin with open windows.

Dr. Garwick also wrote to Mr. Hennessey. His letter was dated April 12, 1970, and it contains the following passage:

"The original of the film shows the 'elliptical lights' referred to by you as being blobs of light with two extensions going out at right angles. If the pictures were taken through a window with panes, the effect would be completely explained as a reflex from a window behind the photographer, partially blotted out by a man's shoulder. This was accepted by Mr. Bjørnulf and his attorney. The two last windows on the port side of the plane had been removed and eveybody, including the photographer, were of the opinion that the pictures had been taken through window No. 2, i.e. through a window without panes so no reflections could appear.

"The team (Brahde, Garwick and Christensen — C.B.) took pictures out of the last three windows with the same camera which was used on the flight. These pictures were superimposed upon the pictures showing the light spots, and it was found that the wing perspective fitted exactly for the picture from the third (paned) window, and no others."

An article signed by Brahde, Garwick and Christensen in which Mr. Bjørnulf's claims about his film were refuted, was published in *Atenposten* on October 14, 1954, together with a statement by Mr. R. Conradi.

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The emergence (in English) after 17 years of these completely different versions of the circumstances under which the Lifjell film was taken, does not prove that the original version was wrong. However, even without the backing of the photographic evidence, the second version sounds convincing enough (as also, no doubt, would a version put out by someone wishing to debunk the film just for the sake of debunking it!). The very existence of this second version throws serious doubts on the validity of the film, and therefore on its value to UFO research.

MR DENSHAM'S SECOND REPORT TO FSR ON UFOs

"A few years earlier, during the 1940s, my wife and I had had a curious sighting. This was before Flying Saucers were in the news.

We were in the lounge of our house, at Welwyn Garden City, in Hertfordshire, when my wife said *'Look at that Moon!'* Quite low on the horizon was a very large white disc, but it was quite blank. We talked about that, for the Moon has markings which can be seen by eye.

Then, as we watched, we realized that this "Moon" was moving, from right to left — a strange thing for the Moon to be moving at such a rate!

Then it began to be obscured by the clock tower of a school opposite our house, so we went upstairs to a front bedroom, where we could continue to see it. We did so, but after several minutes it suddenly shot away at high speed and vanished.

It had scared the hell out of both of us, and we fully expected some terrible disaster would happen, for we believed that the Moon had gone out of orbit!

This was on a summer's evening, about a couple of hours after sunset. Later that evening we observed the actual Moon, of course, *and it was crescent-shaped.*

Some years later we were talking to another couple in Welwyn Garden City, and somehow or other we happened to tell them about this experience of ours. To our amazement they replied: *"Oh — we saw that too — It frightened the life out of us".*

Once again, I cannot find a logical explanation for this."

MORE ON THE MOSJØEN ENCOUNTER

In our account of the Mosjøen case (FSR 34/2, foot of page 5 and page 6) we mentioned the well-known "official refutation" story which was put around, namely that the two young ladies had met an American helicopter pilot who was working in that area on behalf of the Norwegian authorities.

FSR reader Erik Midtgaard of Vissenbjerg, Denmark, has now been good enough to send us the original Danish text, plus his own excellent English translation, of an "explanatory" item which appeared in the Copenhagen newspaper *Berlingske Tidende* of July 27,* 1954, so we are reproducing the translation below. (See also Erik Midtgaard's letter in our *Mail Bag* section.)

It should not be overlooked that we did also see and hear reports, at the time, to the effect that the American pilot in question had stated categorically that he had never been in the vicinity of Mosjøen and consequently had never met the two Norwegian ladies. The account of the pilot's craft, as given by the two ladies, is so utterly and totally at variance with any kind of "helicopter" of which we have ever heard, that we still experience a very great deal of doubt about this "helicopter" story.

However, if we continue to discuss the case for a while, it may be that further conclusive evidence will surface somewhere in Scandinavia and will be channelled in our direction. — EDITOR

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From *Berlingske Tidende,* Copenhagen, July 27, 1954.
(Translation from Danish by Erik Midtgaard)

HE WAS NOT FROM MARS

For once a prosaic exposure of one of the many stories about "flying saucers".
An American helicopter-pilot made a much profounder impression on two Norwegian ladies than he had realized.

From our correspondent.
Oslo, Thursday evening

The American helicopter-pilot Bailey Faurot had an unusual adventure during a stay in Norway, causing a sensation by unknowingly playing the part of a man from Space on a visit to planet Earth.

On Tuesday evening a sensational report was received from the small town of Mosjøen in Northern Norway: a so-called flying saucer had landed on a mountain in the neighbourhood, and two ladies, picking blueberries, had met the crew of the "spaceship", "a dark man with long hair, but, apart from that, of the same height and looks as most men on Earth."

The two ladies were characterised as very trustworthy, and one of them, who knew French, German and English, tried speaking to the man from Space. He did not understand one word, however, but beckoned them to follow him a short way and showed them a "flying saucer", which he entered, whereupon it disappeared up into the air.

The police launched a major investigation, and the two ladies were interrogated. They gave very detailed information about the "spaceship" and about the man. Next morning all newspapers in Norway carried the fantastic story, most of them, though, under humorous headlines.

Now, it so happened that, during the interrogation, one of the two ladies had mentioned that she had just finished reading *"Flying Saucers Have Landed",* the fantastic account by Adamski, and several points told by the ladies were similar to what Adamski tells about his meeting with the man from Venus.

And then the chief of the Norwegian Air Foce released a piece of information that cooled down the sensation-seeking: the Air Force had for some time had an American with a large helicopter engaged to do a job in just those parts of the country where the ladies had come upon the man from Space.

And today the *"Aftenposten"* supplied the further piece of information that the American, who left Norway today, had confirmed that he had actually met two ladies up in the mountains. However, he had not had the slightest inkling what kind of consequences his meeting the two ladies was going to have.

The ladies firmly stick to their conviction that the man they met was, in fact, a man from Space. — (signed) H-d.

*NOTE BY EDITOR FSR
This probably should read *August* 27, as all the reports say the girls met the stranger on *August 20, 1954.*

"MOODY BLUES" UFO ENCOUNTER IN 1967

By Pete Willsher (1990)

The name of our old personal friend and longtime supporter of FSR, Pete Willsher of London, will be known to very many of our younger readers, and it may come as a great surprise to them to learn that he too is one of the rapidly growing company of those who take an interest in "our subject"!

In a recent letter to me Pete has said:–

"There are a number of people within the film and music industries who have either had a sighting or some other form of UFO encounter. Many of these people, by virtue of the late hours kept as part of their professional day, are out either travelling or working late at night, often on lonely or deserted roads and locations, thus perhaps increasing their chances of an encounter. Quite a number of "stars" may be willing to tell their stories these days, because attitudes have changed, and the "climate" prevailing upon the subject is far more clement now.

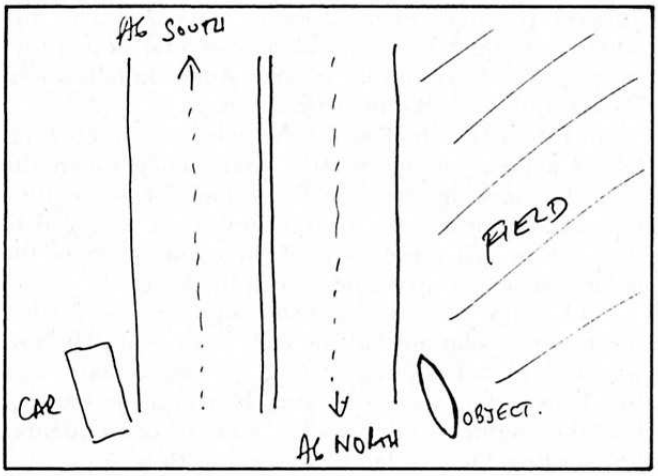
I will attempt to find and speak with as many such folk as possible, and keep you up-dated with the results". — EDITOR

It was, I suppose, a stroke of luck that my music-writing partner, Robin Lumley, was moving to a new place of residence, sharing a house with Graeme Edge, drummer for the musical group "The Moody Blues". Although Graeme is a long-term pal of Robin's, I hadn't personally seen the talented Mr. Edge since the early seventies, and it was good to be in touch with him again.

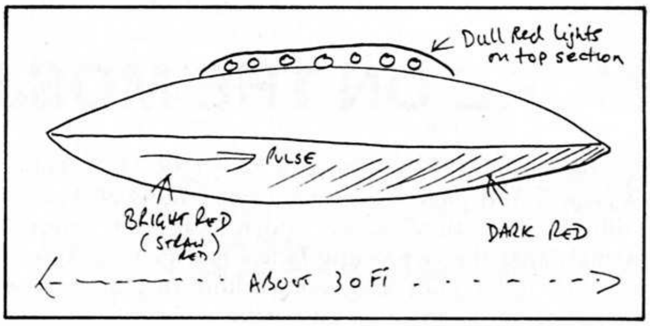
Both Robin and I have nursed a strong interest in the UFO phenomenon for many years, and so were very interested to learn from Graeme of a UFO encounter with the "Moody Blues" late one autumn night in 1967. Graeme readily agreed to discuss the matter, and recounted the story as follows:

"We (the band) were returning to London after a concert in Carlisle. I'd like to point out straight away that, given the reputation of musicians for consuming alcohol and other (!) substances after a show, all the "Moody Blues" personnel were completely sober and straight. The road crew had, as usual, taken the equipment in the truck, and the band members were following along by car. Apart from myself in the car, there were Denny Laine, Mike Pinder, Ray Thomas and Clint Warwick. Around about 1.30-2.00am we were driving south on the A6, when a bright light appeared and flashed past us. Everyone became highly excited as to what the light might be, with the usual nervous jokey references to "UFOs".

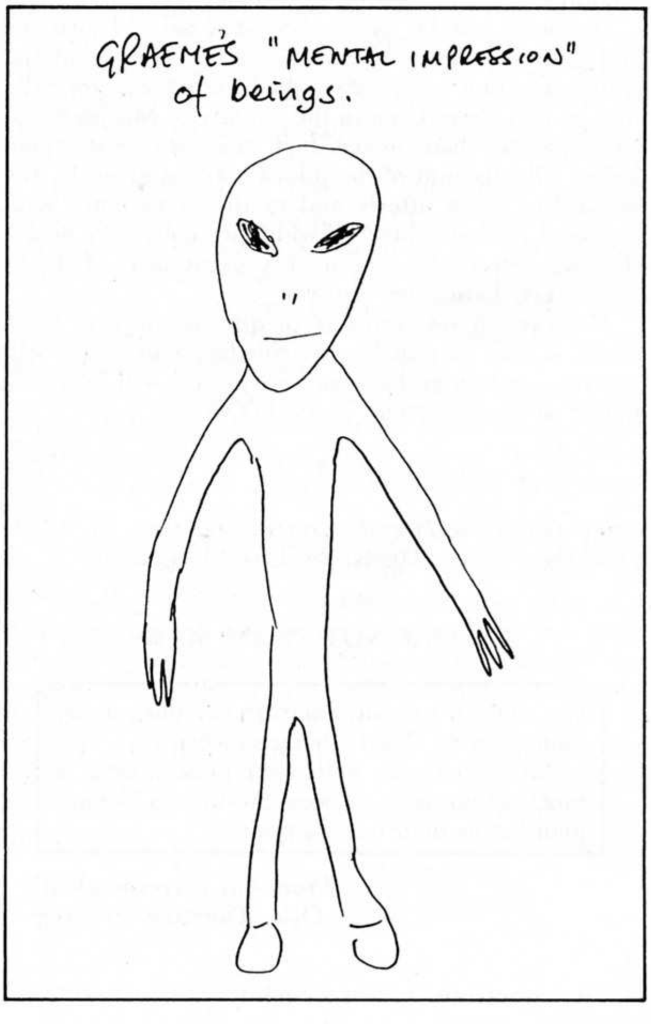
Personally, I was convinced it was probably an aircraft warning-light on top of a radio mast, apparently moving because of the motion of the car. However, the light returned from the opposite direction, and I suggested stopping the car for a proper look. I was still convinced of a logical terrestrial explanation.



As the car halted we all saw the light again to the left-hand side of us . . . it went backwards and forwards, and then actually over the car before settling in a field near the road, but on the opposite side of the dual carriageway. As we scrambled out of the car, half scared, half fascinated, *we all noted an odd stillness around us. No road traffic came, in either direction, and there were none of the usual nocturnal animal rustlings or bird noises. It was quite uncanny and we were mesmerised as if in a dream.* We could see the object in the



opposite field; it was shaped like a fat cigar with a low protrusion on top, with seven dull red lights on it. I'm sure of the number as I distinctly remember counting the lights at the time. The upper half of the object appeared metallic, whereas the lower half was red, and pulsed from left to right.



The lower half was a bright red on the left and a duller red to the right, and did not seem to be metallic like the upper half.

Suddenly, all five of us were gripped simultaneously with dread and panic. We rushed back into the car, which started perfectly, and drove off. As we looked back, we could still see the object pulsing away in the field."

That was the basis of Graeme's account, and I continued to question him at some length. He was, and indeed still is, perfectly willing to answer any questions anyone may have, and he's certain the other band members would be equally willing. Now, Graeme has only recounted this story two or three times since the event over twenty years ago, and professes to be a changed man because of the experience.

Graeme Edge describes himself as a "stubborn, critical, nuts-and-bolts type", but nevertheless he feels that something may indeed have happened that night. He doesn't recall any "missing time", but, as is typical of touring musicians, no-one bothered to check what time they arrived home. In those days the "Moodies" were a Rock/Pop band, but after this experience, they tended to write and release all kinds of "cosmic" albums, such as DAYS OF FUTURE PAST and THE SEARCH FOR THE LOST CHORD.

Something else of interest arose a couple of years later when Graeme was asked mockingly:

"What did the Aliens look like? (Ha-ha)". In answer, he drew a sketch of what is now considered a typical small-bodied large-headed entity. In those days — as far as I know — no such entities had been drawn by any witnesses in any book published at that time, and anyway, Graeme had never read any literature on the subject. He said that the sketch "seemed to come from inside" (referring to his mind) and that, at the time, it seemed like a fun thing to do.

Graeme Edge is a very likeable, friendly, outgoing man, with a warm and generous personality, remaining totally unaffected by 25 years of international pop-stardom. He's pretty well-off, and has certainly had all the publicity he could want and more. So he has no motives for imaginative invention for self-aggrandisement purposes. He's also not in the least afraid of being dubbed a crank. *What happened, happened. And they all remember it.*

FREEDOM OF DISINFORMATION?

Our readers will no doubt be astonished to learn that, according to a new British work, the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION HANDBOOK, by David Northmore (issued in London in 1990 by the Bloomsbury Press, price £9.90), *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* is published by the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA). BUFORA has in fact no connection with FSR or with FSR Publications Ltd.

"LET ME SEE WHERE IT ISN'T!"

By "Eve"

When my son was three, he was driving me mad on two counts: he pursued me everywhere asking unanswerable questions, and he wouldn't let me throw anything away.

One day I managed to get some rubbish past him safely into the dustbin and said to my husband: "By the way, I threw that rusty old thingemy-bob away."

"What's a thingemy-bob?" asked my tormentor.

"Just a thing. I don't know what it was."

"Let me see it!"

"It isn't there. The dustmen took it."

"Well, then, let me see where it isn't!"

I had never realized what deep philosophy this is until now.

For the past twenty years or so, I have been trying to pick up some crumbs from the scientists' table and keep track of what they have now decided the Universe is made of. When I first heard about it all they were satisfied with electrons whizzing round a nucleus with a size relative to the atom of a golf ball to a golf-course. Then they produced a bewildering number of new particles, a different kind of matter — positrons, muons, kaons, lambdas, xis, sigmas — and that was just for starters. These new kinds of matter could change into other forms, or annihilate each other.

As at the date of my source*, my understanding is that the elementary particles of which our atoms are composed are Leptons, Quarks and Gauge Bosons. The vast majority of people have never even heard these words. Rumour has it that Murray Gell-Mann decided to persecute his baby daughter with unanswerable questions in self-defence one day, and demanded a name for his thingemy-bobs. She came up with "quarks". Another deep philosopher, obviously.

But now that my son is grown-up I can ask *him* a question. If an atom is the smallest thing it is possible to photograph (with the aid of electrons) how can we know all these odd bits of matter are there?

The answer is simple, dear Watson. We know where the matter has been by what it has left behind. When a jet climbs into a clear sky, water condenses onto the exhaust fumes, producing a vapour trail, and when radiation is shot through nitrogen in a cloud-chamber, it produces similar trails. Nowadays the detector equipment is computerized and the radiation is sent spinning faster and faster, but the principle is the same.

You have to look where it isn't, say in a corn-circle.

And then you ask a child to name it.

* *The Particle Explosion,* by Frank Close, Michael Marten and Christine Sutton, OUP 1987

"LITTLE SNOOPERS"?

By Gordon Creighton

Abundant evidence exists that there may be various types of small gadgets or widgets which can and do enter human habitations and fly about in them. FSR must have carried about eight such cases so far, and if we can find the time we will give a recapitulation of them one of these days for the benefit of our newer or younger readers.

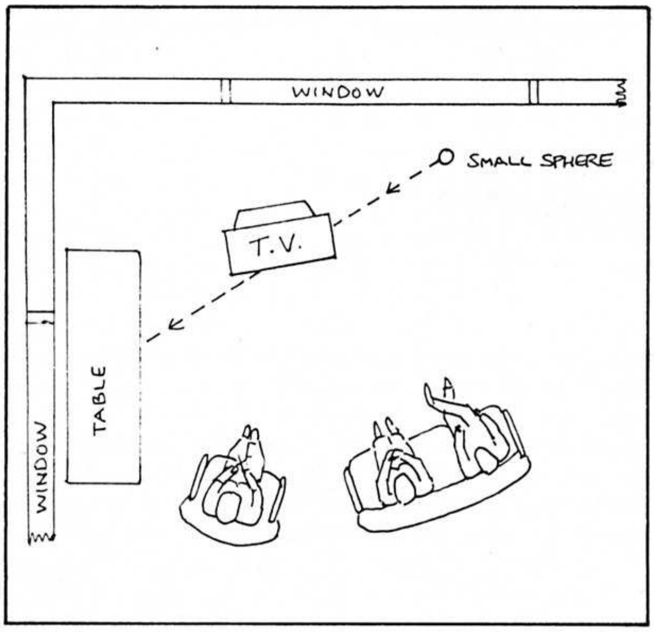
Meanwhile, here are the details of two more interesting cases which have recently reached us. Both are from England. — EDITOR

1. A "UFOBALL AT OTTERBOURNE, HAMPSHIRE. (January 1977)
By DON TUERSLEY, FSR CONSULTANT

SINCE I read Desmond Leslie's article about his "UFOball" (in FSR 33/1), I have been meaning to write in to you about a similar event that occurred in our bungalow here some few years ago.

We were in our sitting-room, watching television. My 23-year-old daughter and I were on the settee, and my wife was in an armchair to the left of us.

As we watched the programme, something caught my eye to the right-hand side of the TV set and towards the window. (See my sketch attached.) Upon turning, I saw a small sphere, a little smaller than a tennis ball, which was travelling slowly towards the TV, at a height of about 8 inches above the floor. At first sight it looked like a large dandelion-head, but showed no structural detail. It was a *misty-grey in colour,* yet with a clearly defined periphery.



Transfixed, I watched it travel under the TV table over an expanse of carpet and then disappear beneath a Long John table near the other window. The whole event had taken approximately 10-12 seconds, I estimated.

I glanced at my daughter, who was still gazing at it "with her eyes popping out", and she turned to me and said: *"Did you see that!"* Not wishing to "prompt" her in any way, I asked her what *she* had seen, and her reply was: *"It was a ball, misty, like a large dandelion-head",* and she confirmed in detail what I had witnessed.

My wife, who was knitting at the time, and only occasionally glancing at the TV, had missed the entire event, much to her annoyance, as we share an interest in "phenomena".

The ball had moved across the room in a straight line, making no noise so far as we could detect, and did not appear to affect the television — at least not audibly. My attention was on the ball throughout its viewed passage. I subsequently made a careful inspection of the area of the room where it had vanished, but I found no evidence to show that it had come into contact with anything.

The event is also similar in another way to Desmond Leslie's experience, because — maybe of course this was "only a coincidence" — only two days previously I had interviewed Mrs Joyce Bowles about her two first "encounters" (the second being an alleged abduction), which had occurred near Winchester at the end of 1976.*

D.T.
July 1990.

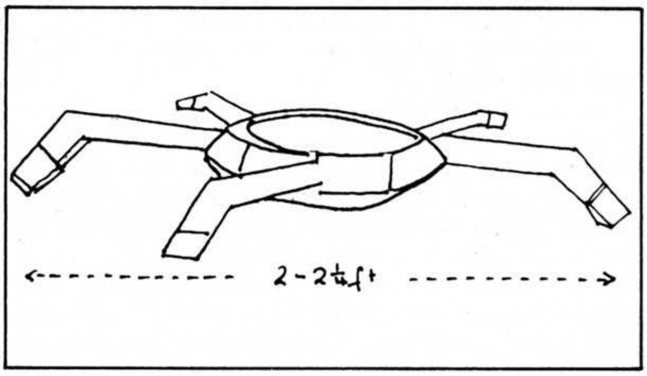
*See "WINCHESTER ENCOUNTER: UFO & SILVER-SUITED ENTITY NEAR WINCHESTER, by Leslie Harris. (In FSR 2/5 (pub. February 1977.)
EDITOR FSR

2. A "VISITOR" AT CLIFTONVILLE, KENT (February 20, 1987)
By Mrs JUNE TAYLOR

It was between midnight and 1.30 a.m., in the early hours of Friday, February 20, 1987, in our home here at Cliftonville, Margate, Kent.

My husband and I had been watching television and had then both fallen asleep on the sofa in our front lounge. The TV was still switched on. I was lying stretched out on the sofa, and facing out towards the room. My husband, also stretched out on the sofa, was facing towards me.

I opened my eyes and saw an oblong-shaped blur on the other side of the room (just inside the interior wall). The length of this blur was about 2-2½ ft. The main electric ceiling light of the room was switched on, so that I could see perfectly. The object was spinning as it moved. It looked solid, as though *made of a light grey metal.* Its body was shaped like the (recently-discarded) many-sided or multi-faceted British threepenny-piece, and had five or six 'arms', all of the same length, coming from its centre, each of the 'arms' having a sort of box-shaped part at its tip. (See my sketch attached.)



The object seemed to be totally silent throughout the entire episode, but I definitely felt that its presence was what had awakened me. I also had the strong impression that it was able to 'read my mind'. For the thought had briefly crossed my mind that it would be nice if it would stop spinning so fast, just in order that I might have a better look at it, and promptly it did

indeed slow down momentarily, and I was able to see very clearly that it did indeed appear to be made of *light-grey coloured metal.*

Then suddenly it speeded up again and was gone — straight out through the wall of our house.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs June Taylor,
(Address withheld at Mrs Taylor's request),
July 24, 1990.

COMMENT BY EDITOR, FSR

We must never lose sight of the fact that so many of these queer reports of "indoor-sightings of something" unquestionably seem to be associated with use of either TV or radio, and for many years past we have been seeing or hearing suggestions that maybe such phenomena are in some way themselves *the results* of TV or radio. (Note that both reports occurred in winter.)

We have also encountered another suggestion, namely that in some way or other these (relatively recent) human inventions of TV and radio have made it possible for intelligent critters "from somewhere else" (interdimensional or whatever?) to "make contact" with us and with our world. There is an interesting field of enquiry here for someone to explore.

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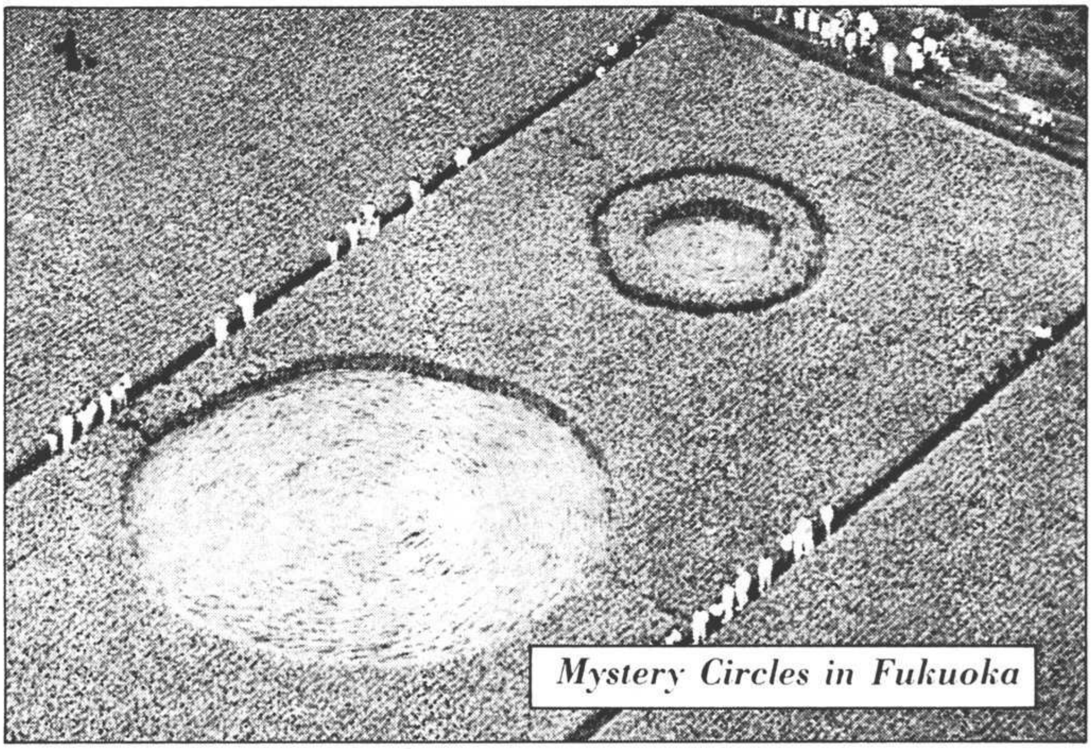
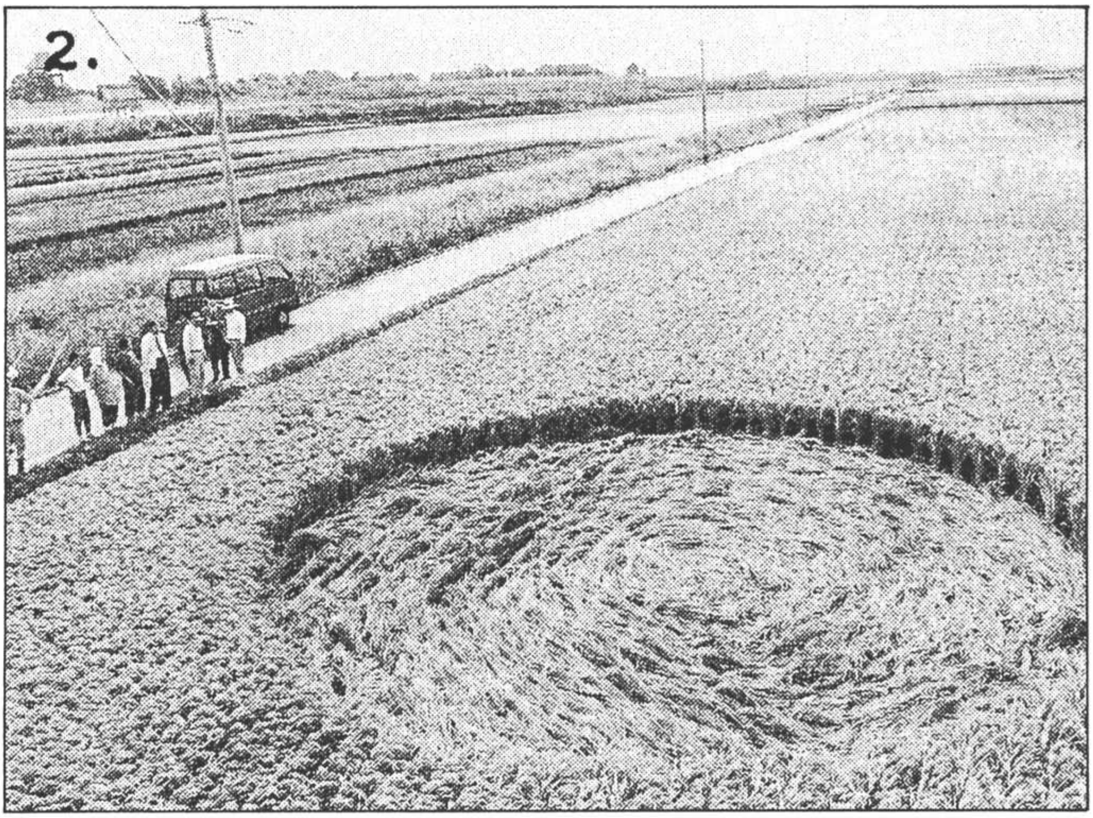


Mystery Circles in Fukuoka



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CROP CIRCLES APPEAR IN JAPANESE PADDY FIELDS (1990)

By Yusuke J. Matsumura (CBA International), FSR Consultant

THE Japanese press carried reports in the period from September 20, to October 8, 1990 of several cases of crop circles. Details are as follows:–

1. SHINOGURI,* FUKUOKA PREFECTURE, KYUSHU ISLAND (Southermost island of Japan)
   Press-clippings enclosed herewith, from *Mainichi Daily News* (English edition), Sept. 20, 1990; *Asahi Evening News* (English edition) Sept. 20; *Japan Times* (English edition) Sept. 21; *Asahi Evening News* (English edition) Sept. 28.
   When Shunzo Abe, a rice farmer in Shinoguri awoke on Sept. 17, and found two geometric circles in one of his fields, he said his first thought was *"that a wild boar had run amok. But there were no signs of footprints to show that anyone or anything had entered the field"*. The larger circle measured 18 metres in diameter, and the second was just over 10 metres, with a smaller, 6-metre circle inside it. The rice was felled and swirled in a counter clockwise fashion.
2. Near YOSHINOGARI Archaeological Site, SAGA PREFECTURE, KYUSHU ISLAND
   Enclosed is Japanese text of report in *Saga Shimbun* newspaper of October 2, 1990, with photograph. The single circle here appeared on October 1, and measured 10 metres.
3. Near YOSHINOGARI Archaeological Site, SAGA PREFECTURE, KYUSHU ISLAND
   On October 3 a sensation was caused by the discovery, in the same area, of a further set of five circles (one a large double-circle (concentric circle about 11 m. in diameter, and 4 smaller circles about 3-4 m. in diameter). (Reports appeared in the *Saga Shimbun* and *Mainichi Shimbun* newspapers.)

*Some press reports have SASAGURI.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR
We have also received from Japan (but from another source, namely the JSPS, *Japan Space Phenomena Society,* of Tokyo) what seems to be a report on the first two cases of *cattle mutilation* to have occurred in Japan. (In the area of Takko, in Aomori Prefecture, about 600 kms. to the north of Tokyo. Dates: August 1989 and October 1989).
We shall have to report on this matter separately, no doubt together with the case that happened here in England in 1990 (a mutilated *horse*), which may possibly be Britain's first case of this particular kind, although over the past 80 years or more we have of course also had a lot of very weird cases in Britain in which large numbers of animals, mostly *sheep,* have been torn to pieces in a wild, savage fashion totally unlike what we have now come to regard as the "normal" or "clinical" case in which cattle are dissected with superhuman surgical skill. — G.C.

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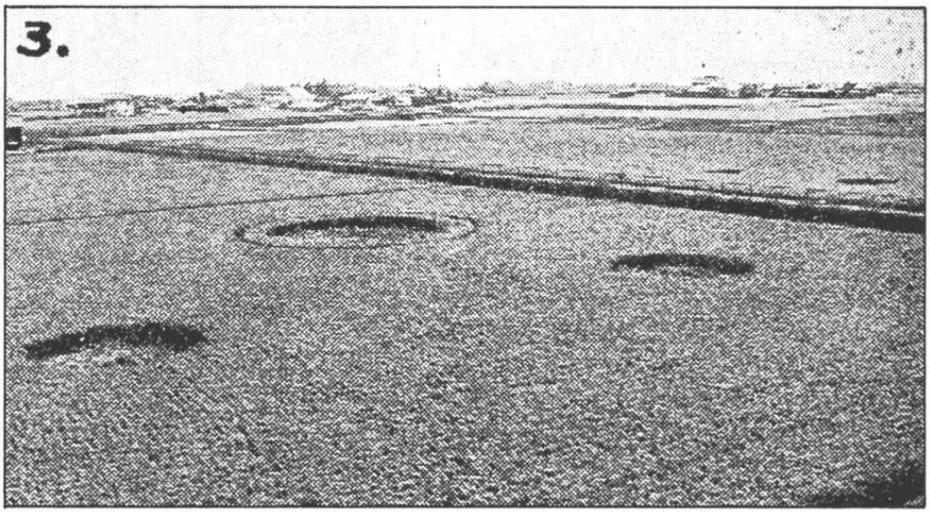

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MORE ON UFO VISITS TO U.S. NUCLEAR ENERGY SITES

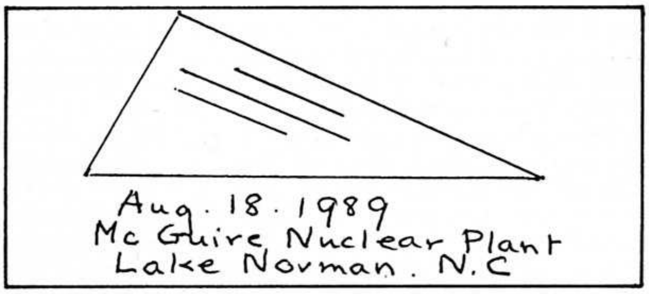
By George D. Fawcett
MUFON State Director for North Carolina
(602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, N.C., 28092.)

THE sketches accompanying my article *UFOs Continue To Visit U.S. Nuclear Energy Sites* (FSR 35/2, June Qr., 1990) included a large triangular craft seen on August 18, 1989, over the McGuire Nuclear Plant at Lake Norman, North Carolina. But by an oversight the case was not actually mentioned in my text. The details of that particular sighting are therefore now listed as follows:–

On August 18, 1989, in broad daylight (3.00 p.m.), Paul Moore, a retired security guard at the McGuire Nuclear Plant, spotted the triangular-shaped UFO at an altitude which he estimated at around 300 ft. The reddish-brown coloured craft was travelling at a 45° angle and headed directly towards the Nuclear Plant's sub-station at Lake Norman, N.C.

Guard Moore said it appeared to be moving totally silently, with its pointed end towards the sub-station. It appeared to him as possibly about the size of a *Stealth* bomber, and he estimated that the sighting had lasted only a few seconds before the UFO vanished from his view.

Here is a sketch of it, as reproduced in my article in FSR 35/2:–



It is to be noted that reports of similar triangular UFOs have been coming in recent years not only from North Carolina but also from the Hudson Valley, from Pennsylvania, and, most particularly, last year and this year, from *Belgium*.

The U.S. Atomic Energy commission (AEC) as it used to be called, has been reorganized as two bodies, under the new titles of (1) the Nuclear Regulating Commission (NRC), and (2) the Energy Research & Development Administration (ERDA).

Any enquiries regarding policies or findings with relation to UFOs should be directed to these two agencies.

Finally, I would like to make the point that, if UFOs can interact with our power sources and affect or interact with our water resources, then they could both knock out our power and poison our water supplies. Whether from Mars, Moscow, or elsewhere, they should be regarded as potential threats to our national security and also to the international security of mankind as a whole.

MAIL BAG

Correspondents are asked to keep their letters short and give full name and address (not necessarily for publication). It is not always possible for the Editor to acknowledge every letter personally, and so he takes this opportunity to thank all who write to him.

The Mosjøen Encounter

Dear Mr Creighton, — On page 3 of FSR 34/2 you mention the possibility of a Danish translation of *Flying Saucers Have Landed.*

There was one, indeed! *Flyvende Tallerkener er landet* was published in 1955 by De Unges Forlagen (Copenhagen). As far as I remember, there has been at least one later impression of it.

With the very best wishes!
Yours,
Erik Midtgaard,
Østervang 15,
5492 Vissenbjerg,
Denmark.
July 12, 1989.

Well — there we are! And thank you, Mr Midtgaard! We have spent a lot of time and energy in trying to get to the bottom of this case, and it now seems certain that many folk — indeed maybe *everybody* — will consider the matter closed. Because Mr Midtgaard has also been good enough to send us a Danish newspaper article of 1954 (published by us on page 15 of this issue) alleging that one of the eyewitnesses had admitted to the Norwegian Police that she *had* read *"Flying Saucers Have Landed"!*

If we now have anything to worry about in this story, I feel it can only relate to the following points:–

1. If it was a *helicopter,* why on earth didn't the two girls *recognize* it as a helicopter?
2. If it was a helicopter, why on earth didn't Uncle Halvdan Jacobsen *hear* it or *see it?* They are dreadfully noisy contraptions.
3. If the man was an *American,* why on earth did the girls fail completely to establish verbal contact with him?
4. If the man was an *American,* why on earth did he — as the girls said he did — place his open hand, palm downwards, flat onto their open hands? Is this the normal way in which American Air Force pilots greet people? If so, I have never heard of such a custom among them.
5. Okay, you may say, the girls were *lying. But if they were lying, and basing it all on the Adamski story, then why on earth did they give their man the clothing, the long hair, and the manual greeting, of Adamski's famous "Venusian", but give him a totally different type of "saucer"?*

(And another good question might be: Who has seen an American Air Force man with long hair? — in 1954 or ever?) EDITOR

An important letter from a French scientist

Dear Editor, — This letter is to inform you that, besides having completed my book ENQUÊTE SUR LES OVNI: VOYAGE AUX FRONTIÈRES DE LA SCIENCE (THE INVESTIGATION OF UFOS: A VOYAGE TO THE FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE) I am now engaged in establishing a new French scientific association for research in Ufology. The Group is called GESTO *(Groupe de'Etude Scientifique des Traces liées au Phénomène OVNI — Group for the Scientific Study of Trace-Marks linked to the UFO Phenomenon),* and we are actively recruiting supporters among top-level scientists.

Two of our principal members are Perrin de Brichambaut, a senior authority in the French Meteorologi-

cal Service, and the astronomer G. Monnet, Director of the Observatory at Lyons. (Both of these gentlemen were actually on the Scientific Panel of G.E.P.A.N.).

Other members are Alexandre Grothendieck, a Field medal winner, and of course my friend Professor Bounias of the National Institute for Agricultural Research (I.N.R.A.) at Avignon, who did the biochemical investigation and analysis of the damaged vegetation from the famous UFO landing-site at Trans-en-Provence.

Both Perrin de Brichambaut and G. Monnet have spoken up and given the true facts about G.E.P.A.N., as readers of my book will see.

Our aim, in sum, is to gather powerful support among the top-level scientists of this country, and to bring this type of UFO research up to the highest possible standards.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Jean-Pierre Petit,
Directeur de Recherche au C.N.R.S.,
Chemin de la Montagnère,
84120 Pertuis,
France.
November 21, 1989.

FSR is greatly honoured by having Dr Jean-Pierre Petit as one of its Consultants, and readers will have seen our advertisement for his important book in the inside front cover of our last issue, 35/3. — EDITOR.

An Extraordinarily Interesting Letter!

Dear Mr Creighton, — I am absolutely delighted to have been able to renew my subscription to FSR after something like 30 years. I used to receive it regularly until I left the U.K. to take up a post in what at the time was Tanganyika.

Upon return to Britain I had at first no way of finding out whether the magazine was still being published, but have finally located you.

I enclose herewith an account which I have compiled about two UFO sightings, and which you might like to add to your files.

As you will see, the first of these episodes *provided photographic proof, in the form of film, that these machines exist! And yet when the film was released the press displayed a sad lack of interest in the subject matter.*

Yours sincerely,
Denny Densham,
'Timber Close',
Trostrey, Nr. Usk,
Gwent, South Wales,
NP5 1HR.
November 9, 1989.

This letter is even far more important and more revealing than Mr Densham realizes! It is an absolute bombshell! For this is the famous *"Lifjell film"*, taken at an altitude of 15,000 ft. over Lifjell, Telemark, Southern Norway, on June 30, 1954, by one of the 50 scientists, journalists, and cameramen who were aboard three Scandinavian aircraft in order to observe an eclipse of the Sun.

More than 18 months were to elapse before the film was made public, and this was because it showed something that must have been highly disagreeable to a great many people — that is to say, *two glowing white discs!*

What transpired after that is a long and highly instructive story, and our readers will find the beginning of our recapitulation of it all on page 11. And we preface the story by publishing Mr Densham's extraordinary revelations! — EDITOR

From a new American Consultant

Dear Editor, — Your publication is an essential element in my personal search for truth. Please don't let countervailing forces* discourage you or distract your attention. Hang in there, and keep the info. coming.

Best regards,
Robert E. Reid,
Colonel, USAF (Ret'd),
606 Overbrook Drive,
Fort Walton Beach,
Florida 32548,
U.S.A.
November 21, 1989.

*Thank you! We assure you that we are very well aware of the nature of those "countervailing forces", *and that we also know who backs them.* Readers will be glad to hear that Col. Reid, who has recently been one of the leading investigators, on behalf of MUFON, of the famous "GULF BREEZE" affair and other recent cases such as the "crop circle" found in Florida and reported by him in FSR 35/1 (page 5), has now also become an FSR Consultant. So it's welcome, Bob, to our ever-growing (and fast-growing) ranks! — EDITOR

End of an Age?

Dear Gordon, — I am prompted to write to you following receipt of the latest FSR (34/3) which, as always, I read with great interest — especially those contributions which came from your own pen. Two items in particular have induced me to write. One is your Editorial (entitled "THE OUTLOOK") and the other is "THE END OF A CHAPTER".

Let me deal with the second item first. Although it is always gratifying to read articles in print which reflect one's own opinion, I think that we have always been in agreement that the history of Humanity is reaching a climactic point in evolution which will be characterized by drastic changes on the Earth of a catastrophic nature. We are not only witnessing the collapse of our present civilization through the various tribulations which you mention, but we have prophecies of the great cataclysm which will herald the change in axis of the Planet. In his book *"Worlds In Collision"*, Velikovsky drew on the legends of aboriginal peoples around the world, as well as on the records of the Mayas and the Chinese, to show that Earth's history has unfolded in a series of peaceful Eras punctuated by world-wide catastrophes in which the Earth has changed its axis. Each new Era has been characterized by the path of the Sun moving through a different region of background stars, and this has led to each Age being referred to as a specific cycle of the Sun. Although different human cultures vary as to the number of past catastrophes recorded, *all are in agreement that, having happened before, they can be expected to happen again.*

We appear to be at the stage of History now when the next catastrophe is imminent.

There is much evidence to suggest that the agent of this catastrophe will be a close brush, or a collision, *with a comet* — probably one whose path is sufficiently erratic to be unknown or incompletely known to our Science. The various tribulations listed in the New Testament, in the *Book of Revelations*, seem to me to be graphic descriptions (written by an author who was clearly not versed in astronomical phenomena) of just what this would entail. If we strip them of their religious association, they repeat almost exactly the chapter of disasters described by Velikovsky for the time of the close encounter of Earth with Venus — *then considered to be a comet.* Nostradamus himself makes numerous references to the disasters which would accompany a cometary encounter, and furthermore he predicted that this would occur at the end of the 20th century:-

> "Mabus will then soon die and there will come a dreadful destruction of people and animals. Suddenly vengeance will be revealed, a hundred hands, thirst and hunger, when the comet will pass." (CENTURIES, II, 62.)
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> "After great misery for mankind an ever greater approaches, when the great cycle of the centuries is renewed. It will rain blood, milk, famine, war, and disease. In the sky will be seen a fire, dragging a trail of sparks." (CENTURIES, II, 46.)
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> "In the year 1999 and seven months, from the sky will come the great King of Terror. He will bring back to life the great king of the Mongols. Before and after War reigns happily." (CENTURIES, X, 72.)

That this event will bring to a close the present Age and herald a new one is indicated in Nostradamus's quatrain, CENTURIES I, 48:-

> "When twenty years of the Moon's reign have passed, another will take up his reign for seven thousand years. When the exhausted Sun takes up his cycle, then my prophecy and threats will be accomplished."

(Incidentally, the foregoing is a brief extract from my manuscript, which goes into much greater detail about the nature and extent of the coming cataclysm.)

Another indicator that the Time of

the End is near seems to me to be suggested by the well-known prophecies of St. Malachy, in which he listed the last 112 Popes of the Catholic era of Christianity. What is significant here is that 110 Popes have come and gone (the present Pope is No. 110), and that only two remain. The final Pope (referred to by St. Malachy as "PIETRO ROMANO") will in the words of one commentator (A. Woldben) be "the Pope of the Apocalypse who will see the ruin of everything and the destruction of everything before complete renewal". He goes on to note that this will be the stage where *"the final Antichrist will enter the scene".*

I must say I am very interested in delving into the nature of this Antichrist. My own researches suggest that he will be a physical man born of physical parents. He will, however, demonstrate God-like powers, and will be worshipped as a God. Or, rather, he will require all humanity to worship him. I happen to believe that this man is alive and well, and was born on 5 February 1962. This was an auspicious day astrologically, as the Sun and Moon and all of the inner Planets (i.e., all except Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto) were in the sign of Aquarius. Not only is this constellation significant, but such an alignment could be expected to give the child an extraordinary faculty for communication. He will, in short, be incredibly *persuasive.* And, backed by a display of miracles not seen on Earth since the time of Christ, it is easy to see how humanity will be quick to worship him as God. Only when they are completely under his control, however, will people discover his true nature and become the victims of his ferocious capacity for inflicting suffering. It is predicted that the Antichrist will rule for seven years, of which the first 3½ years will be benign and the last 3½ savage beyond all previous experience on Earth. (It is an interesting speculation that if this Antichrist should happen to imitate the historical life of Jesus, who began his ministry at the age of 30, then this would bring us to 1992. Clearly, we will not have to wait long to find out.)

And now back to part one of this letter — namely, about your Editorial in FSR 34/3. It has become clear in recent months that *some extremely disturbing things* are happening to this Planet by courtesy of our "alien" visitors, who now seem to be increasingly demonic. I am intrigued to know just what role they will come to play on Earth during the last years of this century. Could they dominate the man who is to play the part of the Antichrist *(or could he be one of them?),* or will they come under *his* power and be *his* agents of oppression? Since they appear to have the capacity to read people's thoughts, no one on Earth would be safe from their depredations. It is for this reason that I am anxious to know as much as possible about these alien activities.

You mentioned that a reader has asked why FSR has not said more about this in recent issues. I do tend to agree. Although I take your point that one does not want to be alarmist, the news emanating from Dulce and Groom Lake *is so alarming* that surely now is the time to volunteer what we know. *After all, how much time do we still have in which to speak openly?* I do think that in view of the fact that the readership of FSR is confined for the most part to investigators who have had a long association with the subject, there is little likelihood of such information doing widespread damage. Such information would simply be rejected by most authorities as the product of unsound minds and hardly be taken seriously.

But there are those of us, particularly folk like myself, who are far from the field of action, and who find it difficult to come by accurate information. Surely it would limit the likely spread of rumour if FSR would go public on some of its information — printed if necessary with a suitable CAVEAT? For instance, I am particularly keen to know what has emerged from China in recent months, which you alluded to in your Editorial. Could you not offer some glimpses of this in a forthcoming edition?

Let me say again how much I enjoy each issue of FSR, and congratulate you personally on your superb efforts. FSR shines like a beacon in a wilderness of misrepresentation and intrigue. Long may it thrive!

Yours sincerely,
David Powell,
(FSR Consultant),
137 Dorado Street,
Waterkloof Ridge,
Pretoria 0181,
South Africa.
November 24, 1989.

"Signs of the Times"?

Dear Editor, — To appreciate the significance of this ubiquitous prodigy (the UFOs) we must analyze it, clinically, dispassionately, in terms of reference which Biblical prophecy aligns with unrest among nations, wars and rumours of wars, earthquakes," the Spirit of the New Age", and other revealing signs of 20th century living, and all of which we are are undergoing right now.

I would like to congratulate you on a quite masterly Editorial in the last FSR (35/3). It says what I have been trying to say for years — but people won't listen!

Yours sincerely,
Randall Jones-Pugh, MRCVS,
41 St. Bride's View,
Roch, Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire,
West Wales SA62 6A2.
October 23, 1990.

Books From South Africa, etc.

Dear Mr Creighton, — Just a brief note to say how interesting I found the article THE JINN — FROM A SCIENTIFIC (?) VIEWPOINT, by Chris Line, and your own comments, notes, and references, in FSR 34/4.

I have studied the works of Phoebe Payne and her husband; also Rudolf Steiner, plus the interesting research undertaken by Kilner, followed by a similar research by Oscar Bagnall. Is there any follow-up of this type of research under way today?*

As a matter of interest, I might mention that I have heard from Dr Carl van Vlierden, of P.O. Box 1395, Pinetown, 3600 South Africa, who states that his new book, *The Twelve Planets Speak,* is now available in paperback for R32 (about £8), and upon receipt of this sum he will forward copies by sea-mail. You may remember that Cynthia Hind first wrote about *"Edwin's Story"* in her book *UFOs: African Encounters,* and also in another of her books (now out of print), Edwin's encounter with UFOs is a most interesting one.

I hope to be visiting South Africa again in September, and could perhaps arrange with Dr van Vlierden to bring back some books, as I shall be returning by sea.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) Gladys Archer,
"Lewa Downs", 7 Noel Rise,
Burgess Hill,
Sussex RH15 8BW.
January 31, 1990.

*I don't know. Maybe some of our readers may be able to tell us about the interesting lines of research that must assuredly be going on? — EDITOR

Do the JINNS fear our microwaves?

Dear Editor, — Chris Line's article in FSR 34/4 on the possible link of the JINNS and microwave frequencies is extremely interesting, and very probably contains a great deal of truth! May I however be permitted to comment on one very important parameter, of which I am sure Mr Line is aware, but which unfortunately was not mentioned in his article.

I refer to the fact that *radar transmissions are pulsed,* and it seems likely that it is this pulse aspect which could well be the source of trouble initially to the JINNS — though clearly they did not take long to overcome it!

Continuous wave (CW) transmissions have been with us for a long time, apparently without causing any marked increase in UFO activity, but it seems that the deadly effect of high-power radar *pulses* was "another kettle of fish".

The radars operating at the start of the 1939-1945 War were of comparatively low power, but, due to the dictates and needs of the conflict, feverish activity was developed by humans in increasing the output of our radars by several factors. *By "power" I am referring to the peak power of each transmitted impulse, and by 1947 this had become quite high.* It is therefore likely that the increased UFO activity beginning in 1947 was an attempt by them

to discover the source of all these "bullets".

I recall that, in those early years, FSR carried many reports concerning the *"messages"* allegedly imparted by some entity or other, the basic gist of the statement always being that mankind should not indulge in the pastime of slinging nuclear weapons about, *"Because We are Spacemen from Venus (or somewhere or other), and you will upset the balance of the Universe if you carry on like this".*

(Incidentally, I do not recall a single occasion prior to 1947 on which entities of any sort have attempted to pass themselves off as "Spacemen". Apparently they just hit upon this idea round about 1947!)

The point of course is that they could not dare to say to us: *"Switch off your radars. You are hurting us, and we don't like it!"*, because that would have given the game away completely and shown us where they come from — NAMELY FROM *HERE.* Their "Achilles Heel" would have been exposed, as they know perfectly well that our radars are simply a means of detection, and not a weapon. Our radars do not harm US — at any rate not unless someone is daft enough to get in front of an antenna, which is practically impossible anyway.

As regards the bodies reported to have been found in the crashed discs in the U.S.A. during the late 1940s and early 1950s, some are said to have been badly burnt, *with their suits fused to the skin.* The suggestion has always been made that this burning was caused by contact with our atmosphere. *Well now — was it indeed our atmosphere that did it — or was it a barrage of high-powered radar pulsations of the Megawatt variety?*

Yours sincerely,
D.J. Hampton,
184 Mill Hill Road,
Cowes,
Isle of Wight PO31 7EN.
May 4, 1990.

We can always count on highly interesting suggestions from long-time FSR reader David Hampton who, incidentally, has had much experience working in the British defence industry and, when serving in the Arab lands of the Middle East, has been able to ascertain for himself that such folk as the pilots of the Saudi Air Force are naturally thoroughly conversant with the theory that the so-called "Ufonauts" are probably simply the JINNS who, as every Muslim knows, are creatures dwelling very near to us, in another Space/Time framework that is *right here.*

I agree 100% with his ideas about the radar. And what a brilliant thought it was to come along and tell us: "We are your Brothers from planets in Outer Space. Just trust us, and we will get you off the hook and solve your problems!"

World War II had ended with the Germans already using a rocket (the V2) which entered the stratosphere before descending upon its target. The road was thereby opened to wild ideas about possible "Space Travel", and the smart Demons were quick to cash in on it! — EDITOR

FSR's "huge staff"

Dear Mr Creighton, — The quality of FSR keeps up very well. It's amazing, especially when I think that most of the work falls upon you, single-handed. A very heavy workload for you. I bet some people think you have a large modern office, staff, and all the modern aids that the newspapers* have. Instead — one man at his desk!
Best wishes to you,
Yours sincerely,
John Clamp,
188 Beckhampton Road,
Bestwood Park,
Nottingham NG45 5NE.
June 22, 1990.

*At any rate, I can't compete with the superb male bovine excremental end-product that we have seen emanating lately on our subject from the newspapers! — EDITOR

"Cornfield Circles"

Dear Sir, — What is astonishing — but hardly surprising — is the length to which certain scientists will go to oppose vehemently any theory but their own. I have in mind the so-called *"plasma vortex theory".*

There is very little evidence to support the "plasma vortex theory". Any circle with a satellite-formation around it would be very difficult to ascribe to nature. One of the world's leading experts on plasmas, the late Dr James E. McDonald, senior physicist at the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, has clearly stated that plasmas are a mysterious phenomenon little understood and that, although they have been generated within a vacuum in the laboratory, their life has been for mere milliseconds, and not sustained.
Yours sincerely,
Brian Richards,
36 Loris Way,
Kardinya,
Western Australia, 6163.
July 2, 1990.

Dear Mr Creighton, — Many congratulations on your continued production of one of the few voices of truth in our present time.

As for the cornfield circles,* growing ever more complex, these assuredly cannot be attributed to human endeavours. If related to 'our subject' of UFOs, are they messages of some kind? Should we be endeavouring to find some sensible interpretation, since they might be an aid to whatever future we may have? This last seems especially pertinent, in the light of your own views on the nature of the UFO Phenomenon, which, I am sure, are more correct than the views of those folk who seek friendly and benevolent "Space-Brethren" — an interpretation that, to date, plainly does not fit the facts.

Keep up your good work.
Yours sincerely,
D.M. Spanton,
56 Clifton Road,
Worthing, West Sussex BM1 4DP.
July 22, 1990.

*One of these days someone may possibly come up with a sensible answer about the circles. Meanwhile, let us bear in mind that there are plenty of matters that are a damned sight more pressing and more important than cornfield circles, *which could simply be mischievous in intent. There are creatures that delight in this sort of flummery. (And here, of course, I don't mean human hoaxers, though they revel in it too.)* — EDITOR

The "Corn Ring Hoaxes"

Dear Editor, — It seems likely that the "Meaden Vortex Theory" — or some development of it — will tend to do for the cornfield circles what the famous *Condon Report** did for UFOs. It will come to be accepted by Science, and therefore by the public (at least by those members of it who are interested), and by those who call themselves "scientific Ufologists".
Yours sincerely,
Raymond Cox,
4 Lulworth Close,
Halesowen, W. Midlands B63 2UJ.
July 20, 1990.

*Yes — I fully agree, and this is the intention. (As for that "famous Report" — I prefer to call it *"The Condom Report",* for it was as leaky and full of holes as any sieve.)

The recent epidemic of *cornfield hoaxes* will also have played an invaluable role, *and I understand, on the basis of reliable information, that the Ministry of Defence themselves organized it all. (This was certainly thoughtful of them, for it was absolutely essential that all public interest in the question should be terminated forthwith. As it has turned out, however, we now see that all of the Ministry's effort was totally unnecessary, for Sadaam Hussein, Führer of The Faith, has successfully diverted the mind of the not very perceptive British public onto slightly more pressing matters.* — EDITOR.)

From a German Reader

Dear Mr Creighton, — Today I went up to the attic to rummage through boxes filled with old books and magazines — and to my surprise came across something which I regard with the utmost respect and, yes, reverence: Personal letters from you written in 1972 and 1973. Reading them again after all this time made me realize how far an insight you had attained while I was just starting to grope about and presuming to know it all.

Now that I have progressed to where I am better able to appreciate

your "drift", I should like to take the opportunity and thank you very cordially for your patience with which you explained your viewpoints to this then young man. I cannot help wondering what sort of unpublishable thoughts about "Them" may be going through your mind now that you have had another 17 years to contemplate — possibly the *Jinn* interpretation is only what you dare to put into print?

Which brings me to FSR vol. 34, No. 4: Your footnotes on p. 15-18 to Chris Line's article about *The Jinn* are so astoundingly perceptive and well-thought out and betray such a vast horizon of knowledge that they alone justify the subscription. I wish I knew one-tenth of what you know! These are not hollow words. As soon as I am back from my holiday on Formentera I'll have a cheque* made out and order back issues of FSR — in the hope of finding other contributions from your pen.

Yours sincerely,
Eberhard Schneider,
Traberstieg 12,
2072 Bargteheide,
West Germany.
July 7, 1990.

*Herr Schneider was as good as his word, and a three-figure cheque for FSR back numbers arrived from him a few weeks later. Many thanks! (And, by the way, we wonder how many British people could write as good a letter in *German*?) — EDITOR

Denizens of the "Light" and of the "Darkness"

Dear Gordon, — Your issues of FSR continue to be much appreciated, and I admire the professional look of each copy. Keep on with it — you are doing a great job!

Regarding Chris Line's excellent article on the *Jinn* in FSR 34/4, I want to express my agreement with his theory that perhaps benign UFOs are "from the Light", and the little fellows with big heads — the "bedroom visitors" — are "from the Dark". The whole thing made sense to me because the UFOs I have seen, in 1945 and 1962, were in broad daylight, in the sky, either high in the atmosphere, or, in one case, possibly orbiting the Earth in the stratosphere. I got no feeling of terror from either of those, only a sense of awe. But with another, in 1945, I got a frightened feeling because of the sensation of the "unknown" about it.

But I remain convinced, talking as I have done to many witnesses who report being victimized by the "bedroom visitors" in the middle of the night, *that these are visitors from the darker side of Nature, and up to no good.*

Many years ago I wrote for the MUFON JOURNAL an account of my 1945 sighting, and if you are interested I will now re-work it for you in the light of Chris Line's theory.

Paul Whitehead's review of my book on the *Tujunga Canyon Contacts* in FSR 34/4 was also very much appreciated. Please thank Paul for me, and thank you again for it.

All best regards,
Ann Druffel,
(FSR Consultant),
257 Sycamore Glen,
Pasadena, CA 91105,
U.S.A.
July 26, 1990.

All Those Russian "Plasma Vortices"

Dear Gordon Creighton, — I have just read your "Russian" issue of FSR, and would like to say how grateful I am that there is someone prepared to go to the time and trouble of translating all this fascinating material rather than telling us that all can be explained by a "plasma vortex"! The longer I look at the evidence of the last 40 years the more perplexed I am, but one thing I am sure of — and that is that it will take a great deal more than a meteorological fantasy to explain it all.

Keep up the good work.

With best wishes,
Michael Buhler,
61 Radcliffe Gardens,
London SW10 9JJ.
October 17, 1990.
P.S. My services as illustrator are always available if you wish.

Many thanks for the generous support, and also for the offer of the professional skills, which, we assure you, we have always borne in mind! — EDITOR.

(Mr Buhler is well known as an 'academic' artist — he has exhibited at the Royal Academy — and as a commercial artist. We have also seen some of his UFO paintings in a well-known art gallery in the West End of London, and we understand that, before long, a book illustrated with some of his UFO drawings will be published here. — EDITOR.)

The "Professional Ufologist"

Dear Sir, — In a recent article in the *Birmingham Post* I find to my amazement that Ms Jenny Randles is described as *"this country's only professional ufologist".* Also I have discovered in a report on an Oxford conference on crop circles the even more extraordinary statement, attributed to Ms Randles, that *"UFO research in its own right is now dead and has become part of meteorology".*

If both of these reports are correct, I believe that by the use of inductive reasoning we can confidently reach a further conclusion: *"The study of the psychology of professional British ufologists in its own right is now dead, and has become a study of the effect on human behaviour of hormone imbalance".*

Yours faithfully,
George Enderby,
58 Gough Street,
London, W.C.1.
November 11, 1990.

We have no professional expertise in these complex matters and so dare not offer an opinion. However, we understand that the party in question does make the claim to be the only professional writer in this country, so I think we must accept the fact that he *is.*

We are equally lacking in specialist knowledge of such things as hormones, but we recognize that it might be possible to get not only one's knickers in a twist but one's hormones too. We are also not sure that we know what a ufologist is either. — EDITOR.

An Index for FSR!

Dear Mr Creighton, — I want you to know that you and I are in fairly close agreement about the significance of the UFO phenomenon. Reading your Editorial in the September Quarter issue, 1990, was especially gratifying.

I began thinking of UFOs in a religious connection back in 1978, but I didn't read very widely on the subject, so I didn't find any of my ideas couched in others' terms until the 1980s. *I'm beginning to think of it now as a case of simultaneous universal awakening — people all over the world are coming to the same conclusions at the same time through mental evolution.*

I look forward to receiving each issue. Keep up the good work. We are depending on you.

With regard to my proposal to prepare an INDEX TO FSR, I've decided to go ahead on it! As a librarian (Shields Library, University of California, Davis, CA 95616), I believe FSR *deserves an index, because it provides a record of the evolution of the contemporary UFO experience, and the evolution of human thought about this experience.*

I wrote to Jacques Vallée and he called me last Monday. In a few weeks, when he has time, I hope to meet with him to discuss my ideas. I am already working on the Index. It's a big job, and I'm having trouble borrowing the early issues, so hope I can still get some from you.

Sincerely,
Pauline A. Keehn,
Librarian and Bibliographer,
P.O. Box 803,
Davis, California 95617,
U.S.A.
December 10, 1990.

This is indeed most gratifying news, and I am particularly glad to be able to publish Ms Keehn's letter because, over the years, we have had such a lot of enquiries about an Index for FSR. I remember that years ago we discussed it with Dr Jacques Vallée. Then, later, one of our friends in Romania who lives in Iaşi (not Florin Gheorghiţă but a friend of his) toyed for a while with the idea of getting the Index done on the computer of the University at Cluj, but unfortunately nothing came of that either.

As all issues of FSR prior to Volume 17 (year 1971) are now out of print, and only a few are available

from Vol. 17 to Vol. 24, I am hoping that those of our American readers who live around the San Francisco-Sacramento-Davis areas of California will perhaps kindly be good enough to make contact with Ms Keehn in order to see whether they can assist by lending the early FSRs.

I do not have the time available at present to run through our lists and see precisely who our readers are in those parts. But two other long-standing FSR readers who I am sure might be able to help and whose names at once spring to mind are of course Ann Druffel (257 Sycamore Glen, Pasadena, CA 91105) and Jan Eric Herr (of 6250½ Stanley Avenue, San Diego, CA 92115).

Anyway I am sure that if all these good friends can come up with an INDEX TO FSR, they will deserve the warmest and sincerest thanks of all of us. I know what a pesky job it is, trying to be FSR Editor without an index! — G.C.

Reader's support

Dear Sir, — I am writing to renew my subscription for your magazine. I would like to thank you for my first year of FSRs, and to say that I enjoyed every page, which was well investigated. And I would like to say that it is a most knowledgeable magazine, and that I hope you will keep up the good work!

Yours sincerely,
Robert Simpson,
13D Yeaman's Court,
Lochee, Dundee DD2 3UR,
Scotland.
February 1991.

Dear Mr Creighton, — I am delighted to enclose my cheque for ongoing subscription to FSR.

Flying Saucer Review is consistently excellent, wide-ranging, fearless, and certainly thought-provoking, and deserves to be much more widely read than seems to be the case at present. Those of us who know of its fine standards of reporting happily spread the word: but too often, sadly, it tends to fall upon deaf ears. Well — *nil desperandum!* Periodicals that are away ahead of their time get such a response from the public!

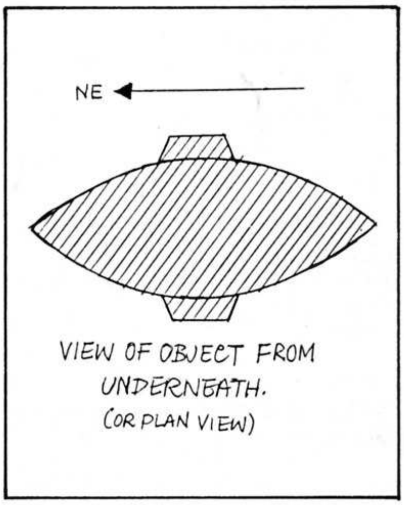
Keep up the marvellous work you are doing, and be assured of my continuing support and good wishes.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs. Gillian Bull,
"Abbeycourt",
Abbeylands,
Onchan,
Isle of Man.
February 3, 1990.

An Interesting Sighting in Southern Scotland

Dear Mr Creighton, — As you can see by my address, I live in a fairly isolated area in the Scottish borders. I am an artist, living in a small cottage by the loch-side with my eleven-year old son.

One Saturday morning during August 1990, around 8.00 a.m., I looked out of the Velux window above my bed in our attic bedroom and saw a totally silent craft flying overhead. It was a beautiful morning, with hardly a birdsong to disturb the peace.



The object flying over looked a bit like a rugby ball with pointed ends and stubby wings on either side at the mid-position. Everything seemed totally normal except for this odd vehicle, and I had to try hard not to rationalize the object away as being a balloon or airship of some kind.

However, there was no wind to drive it along on its steady course, and no engine noise.

I must emphasise that the loch is incredibly quiet (except at "lambing-time") and any noise seems intrusive. We are however on a training route for *Tornado* and *Jaguar* pilots, which fact helps me to gauge the height and speed of the vehicle I saw, although it is of course difficult when there is nothing to relate to except sky.

My son was awake and watching the craft too, and we agree that it seemed to be flying at about 400 ft. in a north-easterly direction at perhaps 70 m.p.h.

Because I somehow couldn't accept the strangeness of this vehicle and was determined not to create a fanciful 'UFO', I stopped watching, but my son, who was looking out of another window, further along in the roof of the cottage, kept on following it with his eyes.

On being distracted by me he looked away, however, and by the time that he looked back at it (a matter of seconds) the object had gone! He is a bright boy, and maintains that the craft, on the course it was following and at the speed at which it was travelling, could not have passed behind the hills around the loch (—with which I agree—) and he therefore feels that it simply *disappeared.*

The craft was a pale greenish/grey colour, had no visible markings of any kind, made no sound, had no visible means of propulsion, left no vapour trail or exhaust smoke, and moved at a constant speed in a totally 'unhurried' manner.

There were no lights visible or windows that we could see, and no cabin underneath as in an airship. (By the way, I have seen quite a number of advertising balloons and airships, and this wasn't one of those. For a start, such airships are usually very noisy!)

I hope this letter will be of interest to you, and would like to thank you for all your work in producing FSR.

Yours sincerely,
John Hay,
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St. Mary's Loch,
Selkirk TD7 5LH,
Scotland.
January 30, 1991.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

By a clumsy oversight, which is deeply regretted, the author of the article in FSR 36/1, *Physiological Effects And The Unidentified Flying Object Phenomena: UFOMD,* Dr Richard C. Niemtzow, MD, PhD, was described as being an officer in the U.S. Air Force Medical Service. Readers of *Flying Saucer Review* will, it is sincerely to be hoped, have no difficulty in perceiving that such an attribution is not possible, and that consequently the medical paper in question has absolutely nothing to do, in any way whatsoever, with the U.S. Air Force or with the U.S. Air Force Medical Service, and is to be viewed simply as the outcome of a personal hobby pursued for over twenty years past.

Dr Niemtzow nevertheless seems inclined to persist in these private studies, and even to be liable to produce further papers for FSR on the same theme, and he states that he looks forward to receiving informative communications from any of our readers, directed to him — privately of course — at this address:–

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